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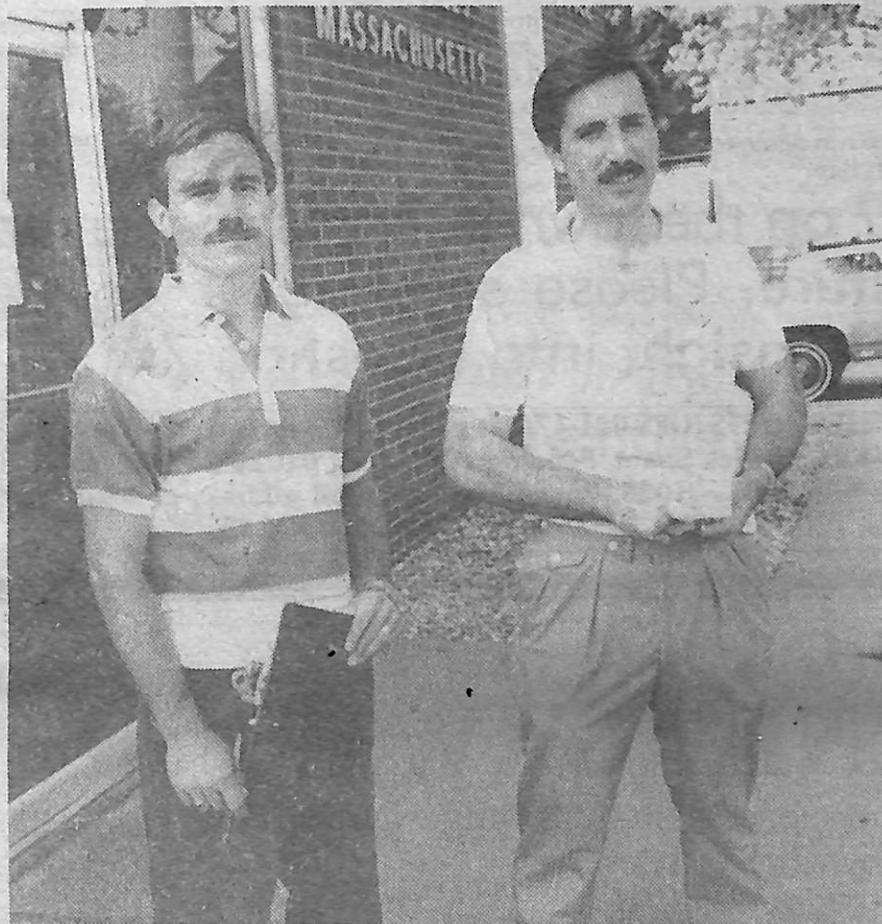
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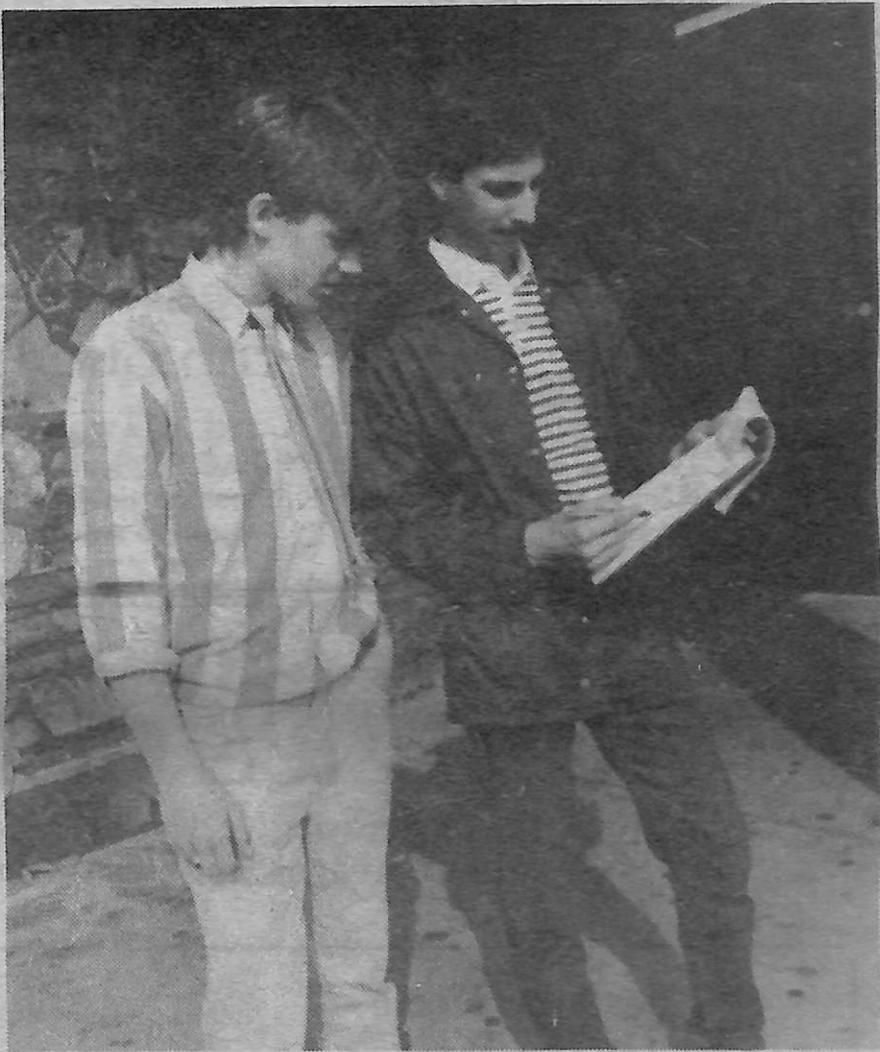
"YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER"

October 6, 1988

No-Jail Here Group Garners 2,100 Signatures



JOSEPH BIANCA of Feeding Hills, the spokesman for a new group of citizens opposing the possible location of a county jail in Agawam, stands outside the Feeding Hills Post Office with State Representative Michael P. Walsh last Saturday morning. The two men were part of a group that canvassed the town last weekend to urge residents to sign a petition telling County Commission that Agawam is a bad location for a new county jail. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE SOUTHGATE SHOPPING PLAZA, Mark Dorval and Dennis St. Laurent look over list of residents who signed the "No Jail Here" petition. Over 2,100 signatures were gathered in just two days. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Frank R. Locke Now Senior VP At NU

Northeast Utilities (NU) has elected former Agawam School Committee Chairman Frank R. Locke to the position of senior vice president for Customer Service, effective October 1st, NU Chairman William B. Ellis announced today. The appointment is to one of NU's top executive positions.

Locke, who has worked at NU or its subsidiary companies for 32 years, will be responsible for administration of the utility's customer service activities in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Locke will oversee the administration of each of NU's 20 district and six regional offices, as well as conservation and load management programs, marketing services, regional administration, and customer service centers. NU serves more than 1.2 million electric customers within Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Since May 1983, Locke has served as vice president and chief administrative officer for the Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO), a NU subsidiary that serves more than 185,000 electric customers in Western Massachusetts. In that position, he has been responsible for administering WMECO activities and for representing NU to Massachusetts customers and the public.

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FRANK R. LOCKE

Decision '88

During the weeks leading to the Presidential Election, *The AAN* will attempt to explain, clarify, and answer questions concerning Ballot Question 7, the mayoral form of government. We will do this as a public service, and are basing our explanation on state law, the town charter, and the wording of the mayoral petition. Our own feelings on the mayor charter are well-known, and will be found regularly on the Editorial Page during October. But that is separate from our mayor information page.

We are dismayed that even the simplest information about the mayor ballot question, such as when Primary Day and the Special Election in the spring will be held, has not been issued to townspeople at such a late date.

We also are confident our explanations will hold up to an intense legal scrutiny.

LOCKE - From Page 1...

Locke is succeeding Leon E. Maglathlin, Jr., who is retiring after 39 years with NU and its subsidiaries. "Dick Locke has made sure that WMECO's customer service has been the best possible," Ellis said. "In his new position, Dick will continue to insist on the same standards of excellence pushed by Leon Maglathlin."

Locke joined WMECO in 1956 as supervisor of the Ledger Department. He later became a data processing supervisor, a coordinator, and then supervisor and manager for Business Methods. Locke later became WMECO director of Customer Service and NU director for Customer Business Services.

Locke, who served in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy during World War II, holds a bachelor of science degree from Boston University. He is a graduate of the Public Utilities Executive Program at the University of Michigan.

Locke serves as director and member of the executive committee of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and as chairman of the Business Unit of the United Way of Pioneer Valley. He is also a member of the Springfield Mayor's Task Force for Development, the Pioneer Valley Manufacturers Forum, and the Edison Electric Institute Task Force for Division Operations Management.

Dick and his wife, Yvette, have six children and live in Agawam.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM****INVITATION FOR BIDS****AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 1988 at the Agawam Housing Authority office at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA, 01001. Specifications available at office.

Frank Chriscola, Jr.
Board Chairman

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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 20, 1988 at 7:45 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Roy Benjamin, for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan for Robin Ridge I. This revision is for the waiver of the sidewalk requirement on one side of the street.

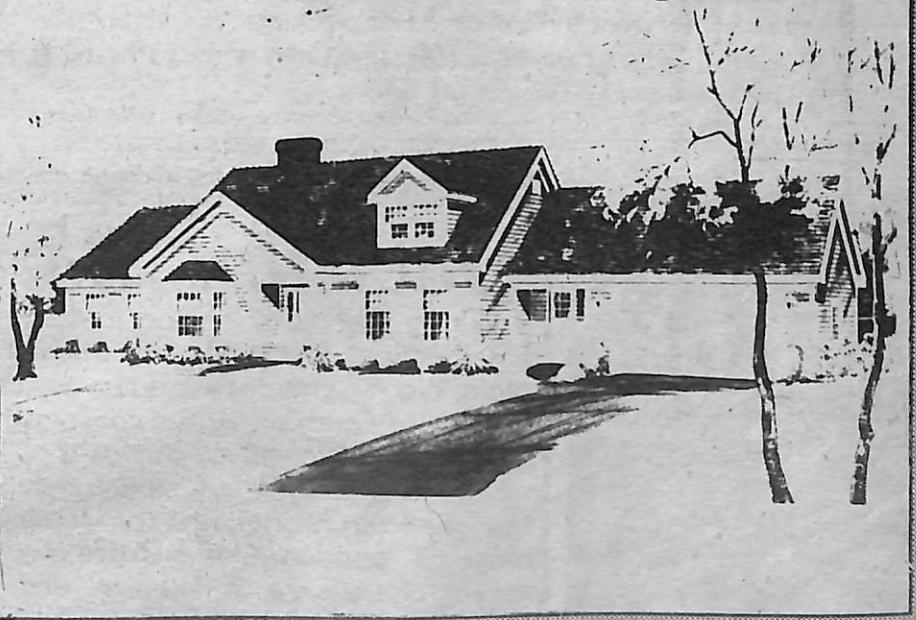
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Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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The Agawam Advertiser News
Attempt To Remove Him Fails In 8-2 Vote...
Council Again Supports Rheault

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Rheault, who did not initially intend to make a statement, spoke on his own behalf, stating that "as a leader and president of this council, it is incumbent upon me to set the record straight."

Referring to recent guest editorials in *The AAN*, Rheault informed the council that attendance at council meetings is normally low, and that often the only communication with the constituency is via local media. "I take exception to the statement that power corrupts," Rheault said. "And it is an embarrassment to hear it stated."

Responding to Lockhart's charges that he is interfering with town department heads' business by attending their meetings, Rheault acknowledged that while he did attend a recent departmental meeting, he did so on behalf of the council to ask for support for acting Town Manager Linda Mundo during the recent political crisis at Town Hall surrounding the suspension of Reid S. Charles.

"I asked the department heads to put aside their differences for the good of Agawam. If anyone else said differently, they are wrong," Rheault added. "When the town is hurt, I have to act. And only then," he concluded.

With support for Lockhart's recall motion coming only from Councilor Frederick Nardi, the motion was voted down.

Supporting Rheault were Councilors John Negrucci, Edward Borgatti, David Skolnick, Christopher Johnson, Phil DeForge, Fieldstad, and Mrs. Fuller.

QUESTION 7 on the town ballot is the key to Agawam's future. Please see Page 7 so we can offer some insight into Question 7.

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\$25,000 Seals Charles' Resignation As Manager

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

It was the public hearing that wasn't.

With a \$25,000 settlement accepted by Town Council, suspended Town Manager Reid S. Charles tendered his resignation, Friday, September 30th, prior to the public hearing scheduled at his request to refute charges of incompetency and mismanagement.

The \$25,000 figure, agreed to by Town Solicitor Anthony Bonavita and Frank Antonucci, Charles' attorney, includes \$8,000 in accrued vacation and sick time; \$7,000 in salary that would have been incurred had Charles continued his appeals process and not opted for a settlement; and \$10,000 in severance pay.

Also part of the settlement was Charles' promise not to seek legal action against the town for his suspension, and that the town would not forward a "negative" recommendation on Charles.

The payment of \$25,000 was presented to Antonucci on Monday, October 3rd.

The settlement offer follows weeks of controversy, beginning with a request by five councilors for Charles' resignation on August 25th. The flap continued with a poor job performance evaluation of Charles by Town Council on September 6th. His 45-day suspension began following a 7-3-1 vote that night.

Also woven into this episode was a complaint filed by Charles during the summer to the District Attorney's Office concerning Councilor Paul Fieldstad.

According to Councilor Benjamin Lockhart, Fieldstad attempted to "blackmail" Charles out of office when Fieldstad allegedly told the former manager there were enough votes to fire him if he nominated former Town Councilor Anthony C. Saracino to the Liquor Licensing Commission.

However, the District Attorney's Office recently stated that it had no intention of bringing Charles'

complaint before the Grand Jury, and that as far as the DA's Office was concerned, Fieldstad could vote to fire Charles.

The Advertiser News learned that it was shortly after this announcement by the DA's Office that the settlement between Charles and the town was vigorously sought.

Ironically, one of Charles' staunchest supporters, Councilor Frederick Nardi, suggested Charles not be handed "a cent by the town" in light of his (Charles') extremely negative performance evaluation.

Lockhart, who teamed with Nardi to side with Charles during the entire issue, recommended that the council increase the settlement with Charles to \$50,000. Lockhart did not receive any support on the council floor and drew harsh reaction from the small audience in attendance at the Agawam Junior High.

Council President Donald M. Rheault called the special council session to order at 7:40 p.m., and councilors immediately went into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss the settlement options with Bonavita.

The settlement agreement and Charles' resignation eliminated the need for the public hearing and the session was adjourned by 8:20 p.m.

About 45 residents attended the meeting and some expressed disappointment at not hearing Charles' rebuttal.

Fieldstad, however, commented afterwards, "The matter is behind us now." Voicing concern over other issues facing Agawam, not the least of which is the perpetually delayed tax bills, Fieldstad added, "This is now over."

"We have to go forward and take care of other problems now. We have streets and sidewalks that are in

need of repair. We have financial situations to deal with. We have to move forward and take care of business," Fieldstad said.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault has placed on the council's October 17th agenda an item to extend the tenure of Acting Town Manager Linda Mundo. The council had originally appointed Mrs. Mundo to serve as acting manager during the 45-day process that would have removed former Town Manager Reid S. Charles from office.

According to our count, the 45-day process expires on Friday, October 21st.

According to the town charter, an acting manager can serve for up to six months, although the precedent for a longer tenure of an acting manager was established when former Town Clerk Edward Caba (now a member of the council) served for almost nine months as acting manager prior to the appointment of Richard Bowen in 1980.

With the issue of changing to a mayoral form of government on the November 8th ballot (Question 7), the issue of finding a permanent manager is obviously on hold.

Should voters opt for a mayor to replace the present manager system, a special election would be scheduled for the spring.

Should the ballot question be defeated, the council would no doubt form another search committee to begin the task of screening new town manager candidates.

Retirement Party For Lt. Nate Sherwood

There will be a retirement party in honor of Lt. Nate Sherwood of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department on Thursday, October 20th, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. at the Scoreboard Lounge (upstairs). Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at the door.

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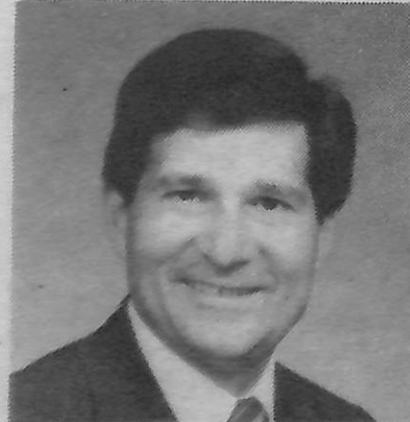
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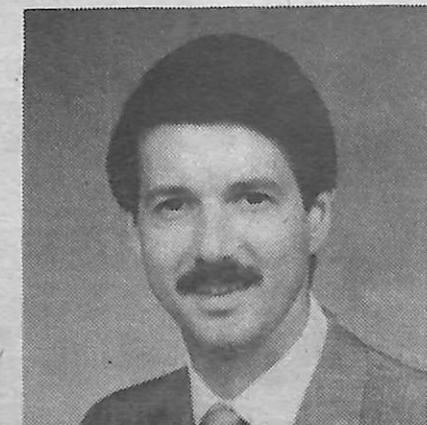


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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 20, 1988, at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of George and Valerie Vassos on a proposed zone change for Main and Federal Streets. The request is to rezone property known as 158 Main Street from Residence A-2 to Business A. The property being further described and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at the intersection of Main Street and Federal Street in said Agawam and thence

SOUTHERLY along the westerly boundary of said Main Street a distance of two hundred fifty-eight and forty-two one hundredths (258.42) feet to an iron pin; thence

WESTERLY along land of E. Harold Hamblen and Jessie M. Hamblen a distance of one hundred thirty-nine and ninety-seven one hundredths (139.97) feet to an iron pin; thence

NORTHERLY along other land now or formerly of Julie M. Peterson and land of J.L. Bosworth a distance of two hundred fifty-eight and fifty-five one hundredths (258.55) feet to said Federal Street; thence

EASTERLY along the southerly boundary of said Federal Street one hundred thirty-eight and twenty-two one hundredths (138.22) feet to the point of beginning.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Municipal Events

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Monday, October 10th
Columbus Day Holiday
TOWN HALL-CLOSED
SCHOOLS CLOSED

Tuesday, October 11th
Liquor Licensing Commission
Town Administration Building
Clerk's Conference Room
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 13th
Ag. Conservation Comm.
Town Clerk's Conference Room
7:15 P.M.

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Meet Your Agawam Police...

Det. Thomas Marmo

by Officer Wayne Macey

Agawam Crime Prevention Bureau

Tom was appointed to the Agawam Police Department on January 28th, 1986.

He received his police training at the Criminal Justice Training Academy run by the state police in Feeding Hills.

He was immediately assigned to the 1:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (dogwatch), where he remained until being assigned to the Detective Bureau in June 1987. He was given a commendation from Sheriff Michael Ashe for his efforts in the September 1987 capture of an inmate who had walked away from a work detail. He was also commended by the department for his efforts in the investigation and subsequent arrest of two suspects in a break in a jewelers in Agawam.

* * * *

Tom has attended several schools since being appointed to the department. Included are F.B.I. Finger-print Classification School, collection and preservation of physical evidence school, identikit school, and a course on crime prevention for detectives.

Tom is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau where he works on the narcotics squad. This unit was formed within the last year and along with his partner, Stanley Chmielewski, Jr., Tom works many long and varied hours.

Narcotics is a difficult area of policework. It requires constant concentration and attention to detail. In order to be successful in this field, it takes total commitment and a great deal of patience on the part of those officers involved. Results don't come overnight, and the waiting is often long and frustrating.

Tom is probably best suited for this assignment because of his energy and a willingness to learn. Even though he recently reached the big "30," Tom demonstrates the ability to deal with the long hours, and an attitude that promotes the learning process. Tom gains a better understanding of the job and the department gains a first-class narcotics investigator.

Tom resides with his wife, Antoinette, in Feeding Hills. Before coming to the Police Department, he had a short career as a diesel mechanic. He is also a skilled carpenter as witnessed by all his efforts in the construction and perfection of "Marmo Manor," soon to be seen on the cover of "Modern Day Wonders," a home and gardens magazine distributed where all fine magazines are sold.

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Uniform Crime Reports

by Officer Wayne Macey

Crime Prevention Bureau

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program is a cooperative statistical effort involving some 16,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies.

As part of this network, your Agawam Police Department submits monthly crime statistics to the state, who in turn submits them to the F.B.I. for national comparison and publication. The primary objective is to generate a reliable set of criminal statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management.

Over the years, however, its data has become one of the leading social indicators in the country. Formed in the 1920's by the International Association of Police Chiefs, the Uniform Crime reporting system is made up of seven offenses chosen to serve as an index for gauging fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime.

Known collectively as the crime index, these offenses include the violent crimes of murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Also included are the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. In 1979, arson was added to the index by congressional mandate.

In addition to reporting particular crimes, dollar values of merchandise stolen and recovered is also given for publication. Figures are also sent on a monthly basis regarding crimes which are cleared either by arrest or by exceptional means (crimes cleared by other than arrest).

Population numbers are also kept up to date, along with numbers of men and women (both officers and civilians) employed by each particular department.

With this information different areas of the country are compared for degrees of criminal activity while criminologists, sociologists, and other students of criminal justice use the statistics for research and planning purposes.

The following crime statistics are part of the uniform crime reports released in July 1988, and include the index figures for all of 1987.

With a population of 27,237 Agawam's Modified Crime Index Total is 668. There were two murders, 7 forcible rapes, 10 robberies, 25 aggravated assaults, 106 burglaries, 448 larceny thefts, 67 motor vehicle thefts and 3 arsons.

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Police Blotter For Last Week

Arrests for the week ending October 2nd, 1988. On 9/27/88 Alan Bressette of 36 Cambridge Street, Chicopee was arrested and charged with an outstanding default warrant. Arresting officers were Sgt. Ken Grady and Dan Ciak.

On 9/28/88 John Kostopoulos III of 313 Regency Park Drive was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Dan Ciak and Richard Light, Jr.

On 9/29/88 Kathleen Klimoski of 82 South Park Terrace, Agawam was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Mark Poggi.

On 9/30/88 Stanley H. Skorokski of 20 Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with assault by means. Arresting officers were Joseph Edwards and Keith Bopko.

On 10/1/88 Steven Wiecorek of 114 Blackwood Avenue, Boston was arrested and charged with an outstanding A.P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Det. Sgt. Ken Grady and Det. Anthony Malone.

On 10/1/88 Janet A. Dugan of Sheri Lane Apartments, Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Keith Bopko.

On 10/1/88 Nicholas Champagne of 105 Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sgt. Gary Nardi and Mark Pfau.

On 10/1/88 Francis J. Lapore of 35 Roosevelt Avenue, Ludlow was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield P.D. warrant. Arresting officers were Det. Alan Collins and Det. Anthony Malone.

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, October 13, 1988 at 7:15 PM, in the Agawam Town Clerk's Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for William Crist for property located on Tennis Road.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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DPW Announces FALL CLEANUP Schedule

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to announce to Agawam residents that the **Annual Fall Clean-up** will be conducted from October 17th thru October 27th.

Collections will be made from single family - four family dwellings served by the regular bi-weekly rubbish collection. No materials from any business operation will be collected.

Materials to be collected are solid wastes, including, but not limited to automobile parts, home repair wastes, plumbing fixtures, furniture, mattresses, bedsprings, stoves, water heaters, metal pipes, and other bulky wastes.

Items such as pipes, boards, or timbers must be reduced in length to 4 feet and secured in bundles not exceeding 50 pounds in weight. All small or loose items must be placed in plastic bags or containers having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons. Metal items shall be placed on the treebelt separate from other items.

No metal drums, tanks or containers will be collected unless an end has been removed and it can be ascertained that no material remains in the container.

EXCLUDED MATERIALS

This Fall, due to current disposal problems, the following items usually collected **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**: refrigerators, freezers,

clothes washers, clothes dryers, oil burners, dishwashers, air conditioners, and fluorescent lighting fixtures.

It is expected that the problems surrounding the disposal and recycling of these items will be resolved by the Spring Collection.

Other materials specifically excluded from this collection are household rubbish, garbage, liquid wastes of any kind, rubber tires, automobile chassis, bodies, motors and batteries, concrete or masonry, tree stumps, branches, brush, lawn clippings, leaves and hedge trimmings.

RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION IS AS FOLLOWS

Route 1	October 17th
Route 2	October 18th
Route 3	October 19th
Route 4	October 20th
Route 5	October 24th
Route 6	October 25th
Route 7	October 26th
Route 8	October 27th

October 21st Last Day For DPW Hook-Ups

The Agawam Department of Public Works announces that October 21st, 1988, is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 1989. This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

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Department of Public Works

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Editorial

Lockhart's Ouster Attempt Exercise Of Sheer Mischief

The attempt by Town Councilor Benjamin Lockhart to gather support to oust Donald M. Rheault as president of Town Council was a total exercise in nonsense.

In true cavalier spirit, Councilor Lockhart boldly declared at Monday night's council meeting he would not answer our editorial of two weeks ago that questioned the "emergency situation" that he claimed existed on September 6th concerning the council presidency.

At the council's September 19th session, Councilor Lockhart was conspicuously absent when the item appeared on the agenda.

We're still wondering what happened to "the emergency."

Councilor Lockhart exclaimed about Rheault, "absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Councilor Lockhart seems to enjoy using literary phrases and passion during debate on the council floor.

But eight of Lockhart's colleagues failed to be impressed, and Rheault received eight votes of support (it would have been nine votes if Rheault didn't abstain from voting for himself). Only Councilor Frederick Nardi agreed with Lockhart.

The 8-2 vote only exhibits how far Councilor Lockhart is removed from the mainstream thinking of Town Council. In fact, last Friday night he wanted to raise the booty to \$50,000 to further enhance the resignation of former Town Manager Reid S. Charles.

Not one councilor would give Councilor Lockhart the courtesy of offering a second to his very generous amendment so it could be debated.

We saw nine members of the council who believed \$25,000 was enough, including \$10,000 in severance pay for Charles just to walk.

Three councilors who supported Rheault obviously put personalities aside, despite differences in the past with him.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad, who ran against Rheault for the council presidency last January, threw heaps of praise and said if Rheault sought the same post again, he would support him.

Both Councilors Philip DeForge and Edward Caba supported Rheault Monday night as well, although each supported Fieldstad's candidacy in January.

Caba's vote of confidence was particularly interesting because his differences with Rheault in the past were widely-known and were well-publicized.

It would have been easy for Caba to join Lockhart against Rheault. But he did what he thought was in the best interests of the town.

In 1984, Lockhart vigorously supported Caba at his (Caba's) 1984 public hearing that followed Caba's suspension as town manager.

When addressing the council, Lockhart labeled those eight councilors who wanted to fire Caba as "Nazis."

That comment was sheer nonsense and deserves no further comment.

The "emergency of the council presidency" was an exercise in political futility, too.

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Threat Of Lawsuits, Deals Cause Havoc In Orderly Transfer Of Power

The recent events concerning the removal of Town Manager Reid S. Charles with regards to lawsuits raises some serious questions about the orderly transfer of power in Agawam Town government.

Although members of Town Council should not be intimidated against protecting the interests of the town, the threat of legal action by a town manager who faces removal (or is removed) remains quite real and can cost the town plenty, both financially and spiritually.

And this threat of legal action against the taxpayers by a town manager who faces removal can come, no matter how frivolous a potential lawsuit may be.

Remember, the council in removing a manager is simply invoking a part of the town charter that's solely its RESPONSIBILITY - the hiring and firing of town managers.

It's apparent to us that when the latter occurs, the orderly transfer of power (to another manager) arrives only after a feeding frenzy of controversy.

And in our Democracy, this orderly transfer of power is sacred. It happens through the

voters who can select a new chief executive to lead them (a mayor, governor, or president).

Remember - Reid Charles could have resigned before this feeding frenzy ignited but the temptation of a lawsuit, in our opinion, and the attempts by two members of the council to give him (Charles) a reason to sue the town, certainly fueled the flames.

Perhaps, next time (if the need arises), it would be in the town's best interests to negotiate a contract with the manager similar to other employer/employee relationships: following a job performance, the council can decide whether or not to renew the manager's contract.

If the mayor form of government is selected in November, none of this would be necessary because when was the last time a mayor SUED the voters because he/she was not elected?

Why should the RESPONSIBILITY of selecting the town's chief executive continue to be the council's task?

We believe that RESPONSIBILITY should be placed in the hands of town voters.

Guest Editorial...

Nardi Says Rheault Can Avoid Problems All He Wants, But You Can't Fool The Voters

I read with interest Mr. Rheault's article in *The Agawam Advertiser News*. I will try to give you explanations and reasons for each of the issues that were used by Mr. Rheault in his attack on me. First, I would like to set the record straight! Mr. Rheault never wrote an article in his life. All articles were written for him by another person, including this last one that was also written by a ghost writer.

Secondly, Mr. Rheault said that he will not answer any more articles that I may write. Evidently he is politically embarrassed, and he cannot take the heat. Want to bet that he will answer?

Third, Mr. Rheault said he was not a member of the Council that fired Mr. Caputo. I did not accuse him of being a member of the Council, but I did say he was the instigator of the move to fire Caputo. The fact to remember is that Mr. Rheault was involved in the firing of five town managers and Mr. Nardi has never voted to fire any manager. Nardi has worked with all managers for the best interest of Agawam. Incidentally, in *The Springfield Union News* of October 3rd, 1988, an article appeared by Ray Kelley that states, "Town Council President Donald M. Rheault, who played a key role in seeking Charles' removal, has called the former town manager's past performance unacceptable." Kelley continues, "Surprising words considering Rheault once praised Charles for having turned this town around, acted in a professional manner, and brought quiet to Agawam."

Fourth, Mr. Rheault accuses me of doing a flip on the Charles vote. The facts show that Mr. Rheault and company listed 14 charges against Mr. Charles. In the list of charges they tried to show that Mr. Charles' performance was unacceptable and that Charles should be fired. I defended Mr. Charles because I believed he had done a fine job.

When the issue came to a vote, Mr. Rheault and

company did a flip and caved in. Instead of a vote to fire Mr. Charles, they voted to give him a \$25,000 bonus in the form of an early Christmas present. Why did you give him all this money, Mr. Rheault? The reason is pure and simple! Mr. Rheault knew that the 14 charges were frivolous and would not hold up in court.

The real reason is that Rheault and company knew that Reid Charles had prepared a statement that he was going to read at the public hearing. The statement contained many interesting subjects regarding some of the councilors. This document will be made available in future articles.

Fifth, Mr. Rheault accused me of "having trouble distinguishing between a working relationship and a friendship with town managers." I believe Mr. Rheault is the culprit in this case. Mr. Rheault has been with Reid Charles on many occasions to breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Mr. Rheault was also a guest of Mr. Charles at a party in Mr. Charles' home. I have never broken bread with Mr. Charles, and I have never socialized with Mr. Charles or his family. You be the judge! Does Mr. Nardi or Mr. Rheault have the problem of a working relationship or friendship with managers?

Sixth, Mr. Rheault stated that he will not debate me in the newscast week after week. He said I would debate alone. Naturally, if a problem is difficult to face and also embarrassing, as these issues are to Mr. Rheault, I'm certain he would try to avoid the problem. I believe the citizens should be given the facts. "You can fool some of the people some of the time."

In future weeks I will present more facts regarding events of the past concerning Mr. Rheault that you will find to be a revelation.

Remember, Nardi 5; Rheault 0. This is the record. Nardi works with managers, while Mr. Rheault is involved in firing them.

It could be Provin Mountain Mall. But isn't the best name Feeding Hills Mall?

There are very few places or things in town bearing that name now. Feeding Hills, along with Agawam Meadows and Three-mile Brook, was named over 300 years ago. Don't let the name get lost.

Let citizen opinion be heard on this project.
Edith LaFrancis
Agawam

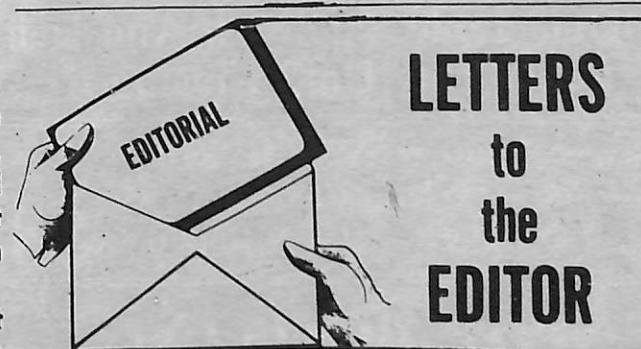
Responding To Macey's Article

To The Editor:

This is in response to the letter from Mary Jane Stuart in the September 22nd edition. She was offended by Detective Wayne Macey's portrayal of Detective Rick Niles of the Agawam Police Department as "clownish and irresponsible."

She quite obviously missed the point of Wayne's light-hearted description of Rick. She also claims to have known Rick for many years. If that is in fact true, she should know that Rick, more than anyone, would appreciate a sense of humor - even if it comes at his own expense. Lighten up, Mary Jane.

SEE MACEY ARTICLE - Page 8...



LETTERS
to
the
EDITOR

A Good Name For The New Mall

To The Editor:

A question under consideration by the builders of the new Mall at Feeding Hills Center is "What shall we name it?"

I was approached by a person from the Corporation office for suggestions. They want something with historical significance. The only name they knew about was "Mittineague" which I told them would not do at all.



Decision '88'

QUESTION 7 *If I Vote For Mayor...*

During the weeks leading to the Presidential Election, *The AAN* will attempt to explain, clarify, and answer questions concerning Ballot Question 7, the mayoral form of government. We will do this as a public service and are basing our explanation on state law, the town charter, and the wording of the mayoral petition.

We are dismayed that even the simplest information about the mayor ballot question, such as when Primary Day and the Special Election in the spring will be held, has not been issued to townspeople at such a late date.

We are confident our explanations will hold up to legal scrutiny.

Who Can Run For Mayor?

Any member of the community is eligible to hold the office of mayor. The man or woman must be 18, a registered voter, and hold residence in the town.

Can A Member Of The Council Run For Mayor?

YES! Section 2-5 of the charter specifically prohibits any member of the present council or past council from holding a salaried position in town government for at least one year after his/her tenure has expired. But that section applies to appointed positions, and was drafted to prevent members of the council from leaving their elected post to get a paid job in town government for at least one year.

This is an excellent section of the charter. But it does not prevent a councilor from seeking the office of mayor. However, if a member of the council is elected mayor, he/she cannot hold that office and be a councilor at the same time.

Is The Mayor A Full-Time Position?

Yes. The mayor must devote his/her full-time to the office and cannot hold any other elective public office, nor can he/she actively engage in any other business, occupation, or profession during his/her service as mayor!

When Will The Mayor Election Take Place?

If voters pass the ballot question on November 8th, the election for a mayor would be held TUESDAY, MAY 2ND, 1989, in a SPECIAL ELECTION.

If more than two members of the community seek that office, a PRIMARY to narrow the field to just two candidates will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH. For example: if six individuals seek this office, the top two vote-getters in the Primary will face-off in the Special Election on May 2nd.

When Will The First Mayor Take Office & How Long Is His/Her Term?

The new mayor will take office immediately, Wednesday, May 3rd. The first mayor of Agawam will serve from May 3rd, 1989 to December 31st, 1991. The first mayor's term will be 2½ years.

In November 1989, the next scheduled town election, the MAYOR WILL NOT be up for re-election. Only the 11-member at-large Town Council and 7-member School Committee will be elected at that time.

The next election would not be held until the regularly scheduled municipal election in the Fall of 1991. The mayor would be elected every two years after that (1993, 1995, etc.)

Will The Mayor Be Chairman Of The School Committee, & Will A Police & Fire Commission Be Established Once A Mayor Is Elected? (Similar To The City Of Springfield)

NO. This mayor petition, as approved by the State Legislature, makes absolutely no provisions for the mayor to become chairman of the School Committee, nor does this petition allow for the establishment of any new municipal commissions, such as a Police or Fire Commission.

How Many Signatures Of Voters Must A Mayoral Candidate Obtain Before His/Her Name Can Be Placed On The Ballot?

According to Section 7-2 of the charter, any candidate running for an at-large position in Agawam must obtain at least 100 signatures of registered voters. A mayor is an at-large position, therefore, this would apply.

What Is The Status Of Town Employees?

The same as under the town manager. Under Article 9-13 of the town charter, any town employee not under Civil Service or covered by a union contract, cannot be arbitrarily nor capriciously removed from that post.

In other words, a mayor cannot come in and start a major purge at Town Hall without first facing all the mechanisms in place to protect municipal employees. The mechanisms are time consuming and would not allow a purge.



MACEY SUPPORT - From Page 6...

I would also like to add that I look forward every week to Wayne's outstanding articles in the *Agawam Advertiser*. He is a fine police officer and has proven himself to be an excellent writer.

Keep up the good work *Agawam Advertiser* and Wayne Macey!

Laurie Bertera
87 Spencer Street
Agawam

Drug Offender Gets Away With It!**To The Editor:**

In the next several weeks we will listen to arguments between presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis. Their debates will tackle differing opinions about everything from taxes to education and health care to foreign policy. Conservative views will oppose liberal ones and there will be little common ground. There is one topic that both Bush and Dukakis will agree upon though: pledging continued support for the war against drugs.

Ronald and Nancy Reagan have set goals for this country as they've worked diligently over the past eight years to build a drug-free America. The challenge to rid our country of illegal drugs will not be won until we have support that extends from the top-level administration all the way down through state and local governments and into our school systems.

As a pharmacist, it is my job to oversee and control the use of prescription medications. But even the legal drugs can be sought-after substances of abuse.

Recently (September 12), I was involved in an arranged attempt to apprehend a man who was forging a prescription. I was alerted to the situation by a Springfield dentist. The dentist asked me to participate because this drug abuser had been eluding authorities for a long time.

The Agawam police were contracted and two plain-clothes detectives arrived at the store. They met with me briefly and I explained that the suspect was expected within about fifteen minutes. The detectives began browsing through the store, posing as customers. After just two or three minutes, the officers received another call and told me they had to leave. Right after they left, I received a telephone call from the suspect, inquiring as to whether his prescription was ready to be picked up. I made up an excuse as to why I couldn't fill the prescription so he never came into the store.

The detectives returned to the store 20-30 minutes later, but by then the plan had been thwarted.

I don't know what kind of an emergency the officers had to attend to and that really isn't important. What bothers me is that there must be a critical shortage of police officers in the town if the department has to pick and choose the crimes they can cover. Perhaps if more officers had been on duty the detectives would have been able to stay and arrest a man who must be either a drug addict himself or a dealer.

Quit smoking.

**The Agawam Advertiser News**

I hope that this was just an unfortunate occurrence on one particular day and that the Agawam Police Department is usually staffed sufficiently enough to attend to all the emergencies in town. Agawam is a small, relatively quiet town and thankfully does not need a police force as large as the one in Springfield. But it does need to employ enough police officers to protect and service the community.

The fact that a drug offender, who was within moments of being apprehended, remains free to commit similar offences at other drug stores in the area disturbs me and it will bother me for a long time.

Patricia Willis
Pharmacist,
Smith Drugs



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Thanks From American Red Cross**To The Editor:**

On behalf of hospitalized patients in Massachusetts and Maine, I thank you for your help in publicizing the crucial need for blood. Because of your efforts in educating the public and increasing awareness of the need for blood donations, an additional 1,110 units of blood were donated during the week of September 19th through September 24th! Your support helped alleviate a very serious blood shortage.

Blood is needed every day and the only source of this precious gift is people. The need for blood for transfusion is constant to treat patients suffering from massive trauma, severe burns, and many operations such as open heart surgery that can require multiple units of blood.

In just eight weeks, community members who helped alleviate this critical situation will be eligible to donate blood again. We depend on you and your generous commitment to communicating the on-going need for blood donations. For more information on where to give blood, donors can call the American Red Cross at 1-800-922-HERO.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mark A. Popovsky, M.D.
Medical Director

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Council OKs Fees For Use Of Ambulance

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"We're only going after money that is rightfully ours!" says Louis Russo, chairman of the Ambulance Fee Study Committee.

Russo and committeewoman Rita Moore addressed the Town Council Monday during public speak time to garner support for an ordinance that would charge town residents for ambulance service.

The measure, approved unanimously by councilors on an 11-0 vote, would establish an ambulance fee in accordance with rates set by Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance companies.

Russo and Mrs. Moore were quick to assure the council that the fees would not pose undue expense to town residents. "It is a means of going after monies that other towns are already collecting from Medicare and insurance companies that Agawam has not been collecting," said Russo.

The ambulance costs \$60,000 a year to run, Russo maintained, and estimated that up to \$100,000 in insurance reimbursements go unsought and uncollected under the present system.

"People without insurance and without resources to meet the fees will not suffer any hardships," Russo maintains, citing an abatement process for low income cases that would reduce or eliminate charges to the needy.

"Everyone will be charged a fee," Russo said, "but they can later request an abatement if it is financially necessary." He pointed out that Medicare pays \$76 a trip while insurance such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield pays 80 percent of a hospital trip. The average cost to transport a patient is \$126.10.

Fire Chief Russell Jenks will determine eligibility for abatements on ambulance fees, according to the ordinance.

"No one can be refused ambulance transportation because of a lack of insurance," Russo noted, but added that in Agawam's case, there has been no set format to seek reimbursement and that is costing the town money.

Russo's committee also urges the use of a second ambulance, eliminating an existing dependence on West Springfield for backup service.

With council approval of the ordinance, all that remains is to determine who will be responsible for the billing of residents for ambulance service.

FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Get Out And Don't Come Back

You're always careful about fire safety. You never smoke in bed. You are cautious about electrical and heating appliances, following manufacturers' instructions for safe use and never leaving them unattended.

You're careful when cooking. You have smoke detectors, test them every month and replace batteries every year. But suppose some night, very late, when your family is sleeping, a fire starts in your home. The Agawam Fire Department would like you to consider what might happen.

Somehow, a small fire has started. It smolders for awhile, but soon your smoke detectors begin to sound. You awake to a loud, harsh alarm: the smoke detector! As you awaken you realize you can smell the smoke and hear faint crackling sounds.

Keeping low, you roll out of bed into a crouching position on the floor. You remember reading that the air in the upper half or two-thirds of the room is full of poison gases and other smoke products. So you stay low and crawl toward the door.

Before you can open it you reach your hand up and feel the door and knob. They are hot so you know the fire is close by and you can't go out that way. You shout to other members of your family to alert them; each calls back that they are doing fine and heading for their alternate exits.

You turn and crawl toward your bedroom window. When you get to the window you pull up the folding escape ladder you bought at the neighborhood hardware store last fall when you noticed with surprise its low price. You reach up, open the window, and lift the lightweight ladder, dropping its end out the window as

the top end remains firmly linked over the window sill. You know your daughter will get out of her room the same way, while your two sons will crawl out their windows onto the porch roof and climb down by themselves.

You hoist yourself through the window and climb down the ladder. You head straight for the end of your driveway near the street where you have all planned to meet in case of fire. Your sons are running up as you approach the spot. Your teenage daughter is walking toward you, too, trying to look casual. She volunteers to go next door to call the fire department.

Your youngest son remembers his pet iguana and is disappointed, wanting to go back inside and rescue it, but he says sadly that he knows he can't. Still, he watches his bedroom window intently and says he hopes his pet will be okay.

Your daughter is back in a few minutes and reports that the call has been made. Soon you hear the sound of fire sirens as they approach. One by one the fire trucks and the officers' cars pull up near your house. As the firefighters go about their business, you can see the fire through the windows, and you're grateful that you and your family are safely outside.

That's exactly how it would happen at your house, isn't it? If you're not sure your family would get out as smoothly, why not sit down together tonight to work on an emergency escape plan, including alternate escape routes and a meeting place? If you would like some helpful advice, ask the fire department. They'll be glad to help. Don't leave it to chance.

Tips From The Postal Service - by Ana Vilaca, consumer rep.

Did you ever wonder what happens to your letter after you drop it in a collection box? When to use Certified Mail versus Registered Mail? Or what the difference is between Special Delivery and Express Mail? And, most importantly, who to contact when you have a postal problem or suggestion?

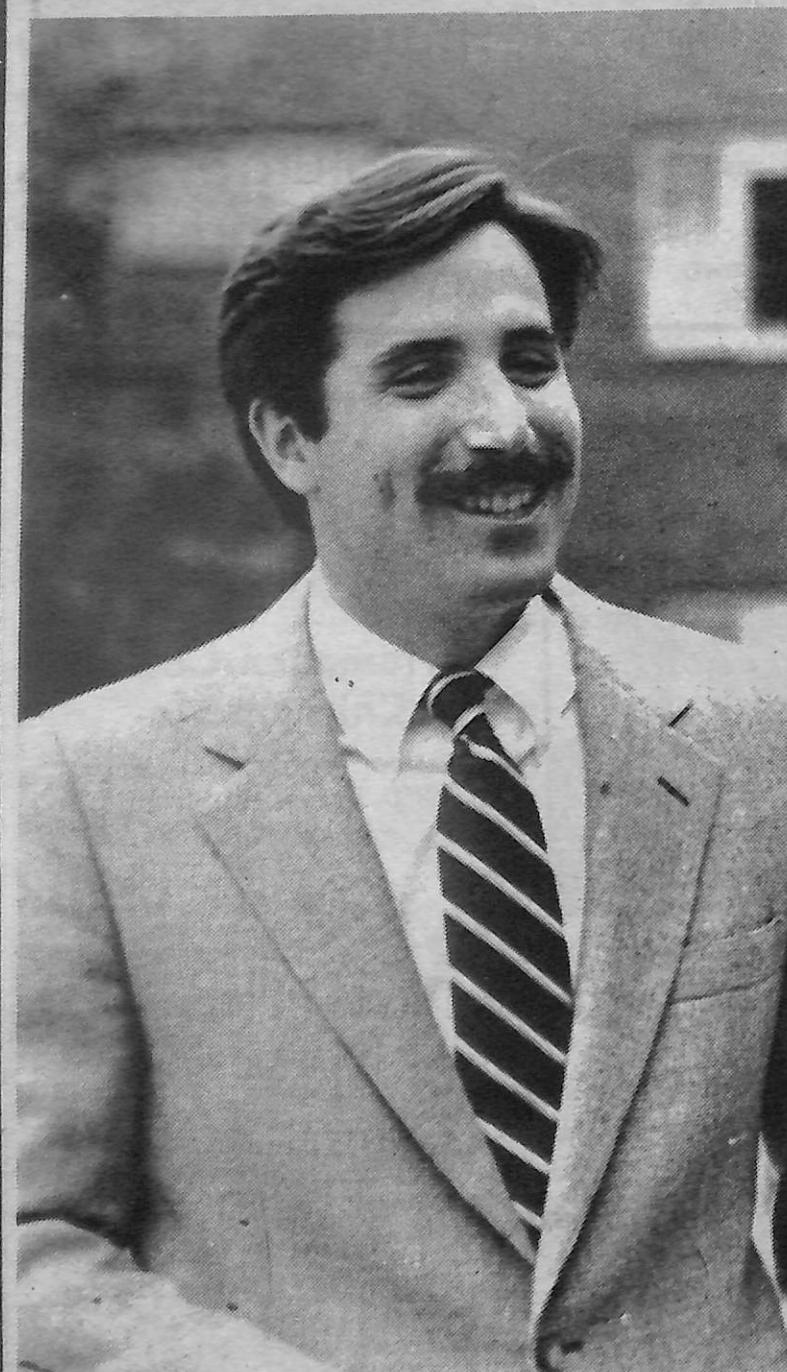
As the Consumer Affairs Representative for the Springfield Division of the United States Postal Service, I am going to be explaining to you how to get the most out of the services the "New Postal Service" has to offer to all of our customers.

As part of an effort to improve communication with customers, the Postal Service initiated the national Consumer Service Card Program. Consumer Service cards can be obtained from any post office. After com-

pleting the yellow form, customers are asked to keep the first copy and send the remainder of the form to their local postmaster. The Postal Service suggests that you provide all pertinent information so that we may best serve you.

This is one of the most effective tools that the Postal Service has to determine customer's needs. It also provides the Postal Service with important information on how to improve services to our customers.

If your postal problem cannot be solved by your local post office, you should then write or telephone the Consumer Affairs Representative directly at 1883 Main Street, Springfield, MA, 01101-9996, (413) 731-0515 or 731-0226.



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Agawam Obituaries

Renato R. Mezzetti

Renato R. "Ray" Mezzetti, 74, of Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, retired 28-year parts foreman at Ferrara Spring and Parts Company, Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He retired in 1973.

Born in Bologna, Italy, he moved to Springfield in 1915 and attended schools there. He moved to Feeding Hills 35 years ago and attended St. John the Evangelist Church. He was a member of Pheasant Hill Village Social Club, Agawam Golden Agers, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, Sisto Lombardi Post, Italian American Veterans of East Longmeadow, and a life member of Mawaga Sportsmen's Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Rose Natale; a son, William R. of Agawam; a daughter, Alberta R. Sebrell of Ketchikan, Alaska; five brothers, Anko and Henry, both of Springfield, Gaetano of West Springfield, Albert of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, and Hugo of Agawam; a sister, Alberta Mezzetti of Springfield, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home, Springfield, and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Margaret E. Estelle Scholarship Fund, in care of Mary Wellman, 18 Webster Avenue, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

Irene A. Filiault

Irene A. (Lavoie) Filiault, 84, of 51 Chapin Street, Feeding Hills, died Saturday, October 1st, in a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills for the past 20 years. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

She leaves her husband, Paul; two sons, Robert J. of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and Raymond P. of Springfield; two brothers, George and Frederick of Springfield; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Chicopee.

Charles M. Blackburn

Charles M. Blackburn, 72, of 18-H Mansion Woods, Agawam, a retired 14-year instrument engineer for Monsanto Company, died in Western Massachusetts Hospital. He retired in 1981.

Born in Brighton, he lived in Springfield for 25 years, moving to Agawam three years ago. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Adele U. Ramaska; a son, John Ross of Meriden, Connecticut; four daughters, Christine and Lee Blackburn, both of San Francisco, California, Adele Shiffer of Wallingford, Connecticut, and Lynne Demers of Vienna, Virginia; a brother, John Ross of Dennisport; four sisters, Lillian Blackburn and Laurel O'Brien, both of Allston, Marguerite Myles of Westboro, and Jean Zarella of Lynnfield; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Curran Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, all of Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's Building Fund, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Eva M. Rivers

Eva M. (Gemme) Rivers, 84, of 43 Spring Street, Agawam, retired 14-year assistant manager of the yarn department at Zayre's department store, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She retired in 1972.

Born in West Springfield, she had lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

She leaves two daughters, Marlene B. Kurtz of Agawam and Sandra R. Kunasek of Feeding Hills; a sister, Thelma Hedd of East Sandwich; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Firefighters Ambulance Association, 1200 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Questions Veterans Ask VA Dept.

Q. Do the eligibility assessment procedures for VA medical care apply to veterans age 65 and older?

A. VA's eligibility assessment procedures apply to all nonservice-connected veterans regardless of age. Public Law 99-272 repealed a provision in The Veterans Omnibus Health Care Act of 1970 that allowed veterans 65 years of age or older to receive care in VA facilities regardless of income.

Q. I have questions about my recent Agent Orange examination. Whom should I talk to about my concerns?

A. If you have questions about your Agent Orange examination, contact the environmental physician at the VA medical center where you had the examination.

Q. Can a veteran get a VA-guaranteed loan to purchase a condominium unit?

A. Yes, provided the unit is located in a condominium complex approved by the Veterans Administration.

Recent discovery of partial military treatment records by the National Archives and Records Administration may enable many Army and Army Air Corps veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict to file for Veterans Administration disability compensation payments.

To speed these claims, Thomas K. Turnage, Administrator of the VA, announced that the VA has introduced special procedures, collectively called Project Expedite, which involve a massive cross-checking of files to determine cases that can be reopened.

Using the new records, the VA now hopes to assist many veterans whose claims had previously been denied because no record was available to confirm medical disabilities that occurred during military service.

Veterans and survivors unsure whether their disability compensation claims are affected should contact the nearest VA Regional Office. A toll-free number of the nearest VA Regional Office is listed in the Federal Government section of telephone directories.

OUR OFFICE will be closed ALL DAY on Monday, October 10th, Columbus Day. Our deadline is the same but we ask you to please bring up your copy on Saturday. You can slide it under our door. Thanks.

Citizen Awards Available From Town Council

Do you know someone who's done something special for someone else? For the town, for an individual, or for a special group of people? Someone you think is an "unsung hero?" Someone who is entitled to long overdue recognition?

Well, now is your chance to acknowledge the work your special "citizen" is doing.

Nominations for Agawam's "Good Citizen Awards" will be accepted through November 8th, according to Town Councilor Edward Borgatti.

Each year the council names up to five people as recipients of this award, which is usually given in September. "We are running behind schedule this year because of the many other situations the council has had to deal with," Borgatti added.

"We would like to have all the nominations in so that we can go over them by the first council meeting in November," he continued. The awards will be presented in December.

Anyone can nominate a "Good Citizen" candidate, as long as the nominee resides in Agawam.

Letters of nomination and/or resumes can be forwarded to the Town Council at Town Hall on Main Street or directly to Borgatti.

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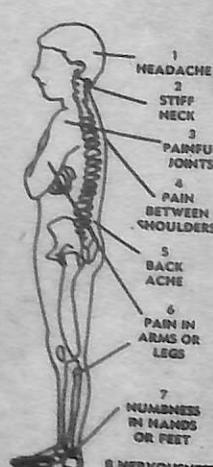
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Families



JOSEPH & DELORES ARGIRO celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends, including their two daughters, Delora O'Brien and Louise Circosta.



THE HAPPY COUPLE, Joseph & Rose Argiro, display pictures of their wedding 50 years ago.

Argiros Feted For 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Argiro of 259 Silver Street were honored at a dinner/reception held October 1st at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. The reception was given by their children: Mrs. Louise Circosta, Mrs. Delora O'Brien, and James Argiro who couldn't attend because he was on tour. The Argiros were greeted by

their grandchildren, relatives and friends totaling 85 guests.

Mr. Joseph Argiro is a town constable and an honorary Deputy Sheriff of Hampden County. Mrs. Argiro teaches ceramics and porcelain doll making.

Tom & Barbara Mezzetti Celebrate 25th



MR. & MRS. THOMAS MEZZETTI of Feeding Hills celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a gala party last week. Pictured with the Mezzettis are their two children, Thomas Jr., and Lisa.



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Birthday
Richie Lavalette**

Love,
Dad, Char, Cory,
Chris & Mom

Curran-Jones Funeral Homes Join Trust 100 National

TRUST 100 National has recently announced that Curran-Jones Funeral Homes in West Springfield and Agawam, Massachusetts have been accepted to membership and admitted to the TRUST 100 network of family owned and operated funeral homes. As a TRUST 100 member, these firms have pledged their commitment to the precepts of integrity, competence, fairness, professionalism and independence while undergoing an inspection, installation and orientation program in recent weeks. Additional advanced seminars are attended quarterly by TRUST 100 members in order to enable them to continue to provide an identifiable and exceptional standard of service to the public.

In making the announcement, David FitzSimmons, president of TRUST 100 National, cited the trend of small businesses and family operations across the spectrum of the economy joining together to elevate standards of service, eliminate duplication of effort and increase efficiency. By sharing resources, FitzSimmons stated, independent funeral homes can contain training, marketing and operational costs while maintaining the high standards and the quality of personal service so characteristic of family owned and operated independent businesses.

Richard Curran said when learning of his approval, "Our firm is excited about the prospect of working together with other firms throughout the nation who share our unique philosophy of service to the community, both before need and at a time of loss. Family owned funeral homes are bonded to the communities they serve in a very special relationship. By working together and combining resources with like-minded firms, we expect to be able to enhance our ability to respond to the needs of our families while containing our costs."

Members of TRUST 100 are committed to identifying and maintaining high levels of service, especially in the emerging trend of preplanned funeral arrangements. TRUST 100 brings together family owned funeral homes to share training, management and marketing costs. TRUST 100 was started in 1980 by a group of family owned funeral homes in Florida who shared a philosophy of excellence in service. Since that time nearly 200 firms in 14 states have been accepted to exclusive membership.

Wanted By The A.H.S. Class Of 1973

The addresses of the following students are wanted by the class reunion committee. Anyone having information on these people, please call Ellen Janik at 786-6826 or Peggy Cardiopoli at 786-5247. The reunion is planned for November 18th at Storrowton Carriage house.

Missing members are Sandy Adams, Lisa Bazzano, Jim Boucher, Dale Burnett, Darlene Cardone, Kim Cosman, Sherry Dearborn, Tom Elliott, Nancy George, Lorrie Harris, Sue Hurley, Pat Julian, Sandy Lamothe (Provost), Ann McCaffrey, Diane Montagna, Catherine Parent, Richard Pease, Jan Reynolds, Andy Robbins, Robert Simmons, Richard Strawn and Ted Wislocki. Also, David Ainsworth, David Blanch, Tom Brunelle, Connie Buynicki, Charles Collin, Claudia Cunningham, Barb Dubour, Tom Folger, Deb Gormley, Steve Hebert, Rebecca Jones, Deb Kaminski, John Lynch, David Montagna, Yugi Nakamori, Harold Potts, Steven Richards, Kathy St. Peter, James Stevenson and Larry Whittle.

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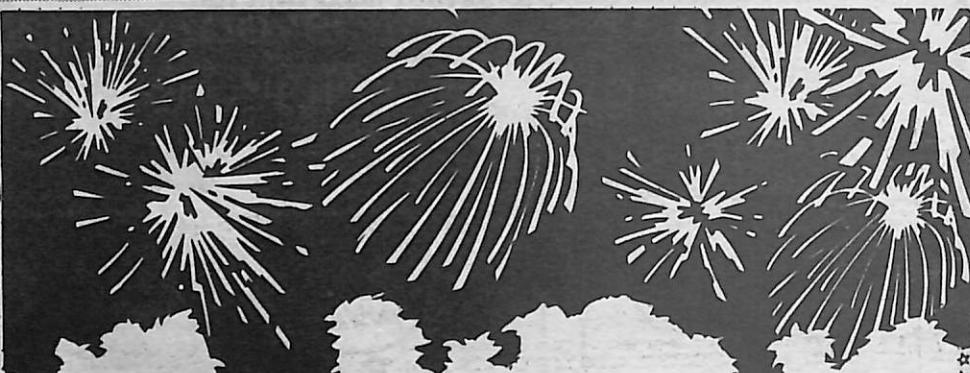
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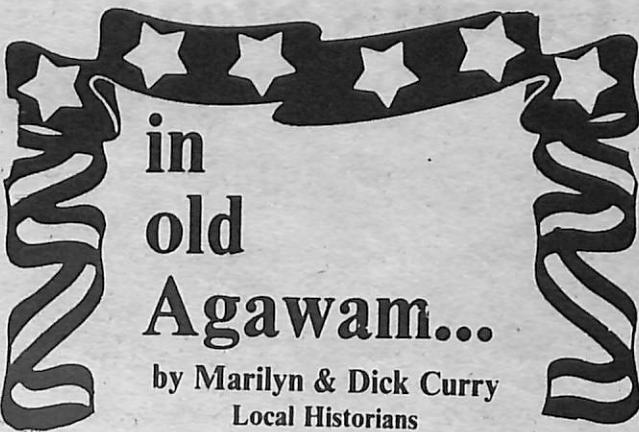
Beauty Of Fall At Cecchi's Stand



ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR Bob & Emily Cecchi and family have beautifully decorated their popular Feeding Hills farm stand (on Route 57) with the heavy accent on the harvest season. Cecchi's still has plenty of pumpkins and gourds available. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Local Historians

How Stands Our Captain Charles Leonard House?

Part I

What if Daniel Webster had spent a few hours of comfort within the hallowed interior of this ancient relic of post-colonial Yankee inns?

Returning today, he might easily ask the question: "Neighbor, how stands the Captain Leonard House?"

Without doubt, he would receive a reply to the effect that the historical landmark stands firm and secure in the hands of an energetic board of trustees!

Although this is not our first attempt to pay due homage to the magnificent structure and its history, (see *The AAN* May 25th, 1983), we owe a sincere appreciation to trustee Betty Pond for her suggestion that the House be so honored with a series of articles commemorating its 50 years of public service.

In this tribute we honor not only the historic site alone, but recognize its benefactor, Mrs. Minerva Davis, along with the board members, especially Betty Pond's untiring service since her appointment to the Board in 1939!

Taking A Backward Glance

To some readers this introduction to the series might at first appear somewhat in reverse. However, we conceived the concept from the opening excerpt of Steven Vincent Benet's renowned story: "*The Devil And Daniel Webster*," and we quote:

"Yes, Dan'l Webster's dead—or, at least, they buried him. But every time there's a thunderstorm around

Marshfield, they say you can hear his rolling voice in the hollows of the sky. And they say that if you go to his grave and speak loud and clear, "Dan'l Webster—Dan'l Webster!" the ground'll begin to shiver and the trees begin to shake. And after a while you'll hear a deep voice saying, "Neighbor, how stands the Union?"

"Then you better answer the Union stands as she stood, rock-bottomed and copper sheathed, one and indivisible, or he's liable to rear right out of the ground."

Hence the title of our story!

Now anyone who knows anything at all about Dan'l Webster will attest to the fact that had this prestigious member of our Federal Congress (from the great Commonwealth) ever spent time at The Leonard House, he might be expected to ask the very same question in regard to the preservation of the Captain Charles Leonard House!

Benet's words can easily be applied to any number of farsighted local citizens who had anything to do with the present preservation of the Captain Leonard House.

Thus, this initial article would appear to commence with the present as it works toward the past and the true beginnings of the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Light At The End Of The Tunnel

Regarding the history of the Leonard House, no such document would be complete without an emphasis on the one person most responsible for the farsightedness to appreciate preservation of this now nationally acclaimed landmark!

Accordingly, total recognition must be bestowed on Minerva Davis, who realized the historic value and architectural splendor of the house.

As this article is not a biography of Mrs. Davis, we shall attempt only to relate to her beneficence in acquiring the property (indeed saving the structure) during the mid to late 1930's, thereby assuring future generations its preservation.

Needless to say, had Mrs. Davis done otherwise, and considering the callousness of modern development, the property might very well have gone the route of demolition years ago!

Fortunately, at least some pages of the Mrs. Davis' diary remains in the safekeeping of the Board of Trustees, who graciously allowed us access to these valuable records. It is from these (now yellowing) pages of a time not too long ago that we are able to establish a more concise record of Mrs. Davis' unrelenting efforts to save this historic property.

According To The Davis Diary...

The true story of preservation must commence with Mrs. Davis' diary dated sometime prior to the actual establishment of the Board of Trustees, on Monday, July 3rd, 1939.

At this time, the diary clearly attests to Mrs. Davis having faith in the individual members so appointed to the future care of the property. In her own words Mrs. Davis recorded: "Now (underlined) I think we have a strong board."

At that time the first board of trustees consisted of: Sidney Moore, William Walker, Edwin Stewart, Betty Pond, Mrs. Preston Worden, and Elsie Hastings."

She need only to read the diary as of January 1939, to appreciate Mrs. Davis' intent to purchase the house, renovate it, and return the property to its original grandeur (for the purpose of future preservation that generations to come would be able to partake of its magnificence!).

Certainly, it must be firmly stated that Mrs. Davis, from the outset, had the preservation of the Captain Leonard House in mind when first she purchased the property! Nor should we forget that she was careful in her appointment of the first trustees of the site. That tradition remains to this day!

Once again we must reiterate our belief that Betty Pond is just as active a member of this Board as when she was first appointed. One need only ask any member of the board to be assured that Betty Pond is indeed a stalwart preservationist of this National Historic landmark!

"Waste Not Time..."

It would appear that from the date of its purchase, Mrs. Davis began the meticulous work on the restoration of the Leonard House.

According to her own writings, Mrs. Davis clearly states the date of purchase as being June 5th, 1938. There is a variance in dates, since the Registry of Deeds list the purchase date as June 3rd, 1938. However, such should not present a problem. The fact remains that as of December 28th, 1939, Mrs. Davis had deeded the property into the hands of the trustees.

What does become apparent as one studies her day-by-day diary for 1939 is the tremendous energy expended by this generous woman!

Indeed, let the "Hub of the Universe" rightfully boast of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Gardner, but if such is the case, then Agawam might truly bask in the sunlight of the feminine beneficence of Mrs. Minerva Davis!

Day-after-day is recorded during the year 1939 with the countless hours devoted to everything imaginable pertaining to the landscaping and interior decorating of the house (to ready it for its opening day on Tuesday, September 12th, 1939).

At this time, the Captain Charles Leonard House received the general public from "3:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00."

At last, her dream had come true!

Daughters Of Nile To Hold Annual Pumpkin Fair

Ahlem Temple No. 84, Daughters of the Nile, will hold their annual pumpkin fair on Friday, October 14th, 1988 at Trinity Methodist Church, 361 Summer Ave., Springfield, MA., from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Eleanor Green of Belchertown and Mrs. Elizabeth Herrick of West Springfield are co-chairman.

A luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring sandwiches, homemade cake and pies and beverages. A baked ham or (chicken upon reserva-

tion) supper will be served complete with fixings and dessert at two different settings: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost per adult is \$5.50.

The fair will feature homebaked goods, Christmas decorations, toys, books, fancy work, crafts, plants, jewelry, attic treasures, a mystery corner plus a harvest table. For supper reservations please call: Mrs. M. Labier at 589-7726, Mrs. E. Stevens at 508-764-8034 or Mrs. M. Gilbert at 203-668-5345.

Ladies Aid Society Sponsors Rummage Sale

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Catholic Women's Club Sponsors Macaroni Supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is sponsoring a macaroni and meatball supper to be held at St. John's Parish Center on Thursday, October 13th, 1988. Servings will be continuous from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$4.50 and children under 12 \$2.50. Everyone is invited to make this a family affair. The co-chairpersons for this event are Ruth Zucco, Barbara Gingras and Jennie Christopher, who will also be the head chef for the evening.

They will be assisted by their committee: Eunice Corbin, Elaine Smith, Beatrice Hamel, Millie Vassallo, Louise Moreno, Nancy Molt, Elinor Oliver, Ruth Chriscola, Janet Wysocki, Judy Clow, Frances Pedulla, Frances Dugan, Ann Sorel, Constance Galli, Julia Crawford, Rae Bean, Lorraine McLean, Mary Costa, Marjorie LaFrancis, Alice Pietroniro, Evelyn Romano, Linda Bryskiewicz, Helen Lenihan, Betsy Ciempa and Barbara Vivenzio.

Reservations can be made by calling Barbara Gingras at 786-7037 or Jennie Christopher at 786-0840.

West Springfield Rec. Dept. Seeking Qualified Instructors

The West Springfield Recreation Department is seeking qualified instructors of various recreational and leisure activities to conduct classes during the day and/or evening at the West Springfield High School.

Such activities may include: photography, flower arranging, karate, model building, jewelry making, music lessons, painting, drawing, crafts, tiny tote gym classes, travel seminar, drama, cake decorating, self defense, knitting, diet and nutrition, C.P.R., first aid, driver's Ed., relaxation and stress management, and baby-parent exercise.

Those interested should submit a resume, a description of the activity, and a proposed budget to the West Springfield Recreation Department, 26 Central St., West Springfield, MA 01089.

"What A Great Antique Car..."



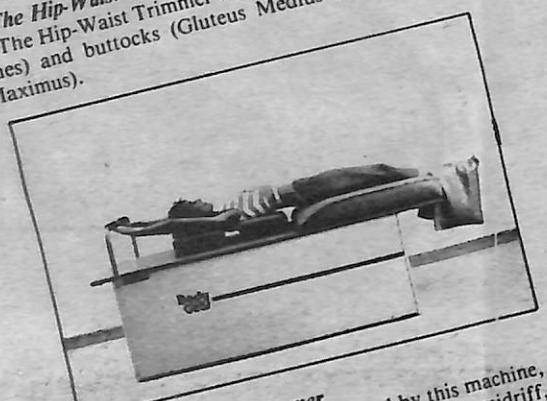
MARK BARTHOLOMEW, an 11th grade student at Agawam High School, looks inside a 1931 Ford Model A at the recent Antique Car Show held in neighboring Suffield. "It's a lot different from my car," he told us. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine 789-0053.

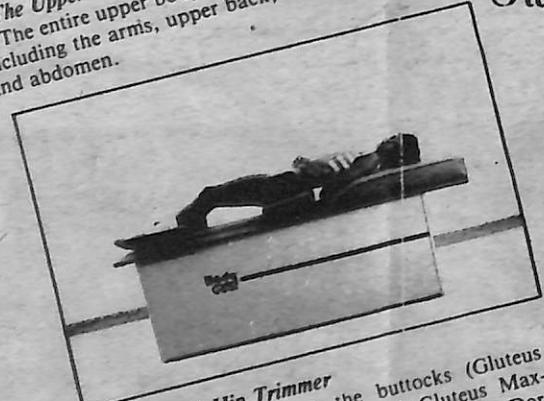
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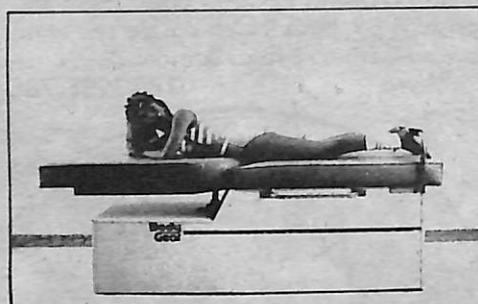
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LaPlantes Announce Birth Of Daughter, Brandi Rose

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. LaPlante of 567 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brandi Rose, on October 2nd at 2:20 a.m. in the Wesson Women's Hospital in Springfield. Mrs. LaPlante is the former Kelly Anne Lyons of Agawam and Chicopee.

Brandi Rose weighed three pounds and fifteen ounces at birth and measured eighteen inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ms. Christine Piesyk of Agawam and Howard Lyons of Belchertown, formerly of Agawam. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Olive LaPlante of Holyoke.

Also welcoming the arrival of Brandi are her great-grandparents, Mrs. Madeliene Biehler of Easthampton and Mr. and Mrs. William Blair of Holyoke.

Chicopee Boys & Girls Club To Hold Open House

Parents and toddlers are invited to attend an open house on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow Street, Chicopee. Wee Play, Ltd., a new program at the club, will provide equipment for the children to play with. There will also be a discussion of the program which is designed to foster parent-child involvement while advancing motor skills and cooperative play skills for the children ages 1-2½ years, 2½-4 years and 4-5 years.

The 8-week sessions offered in fifty minute classes will begin October 17th. Each class will consist of some free play on the gym equipment and some group activities.

For more information about the open house or registration, please call Sally at 737-6426 or Doreen at 594-6271.

Agawam Garden Club To Meet Tuesday, October 11th

The Agawam Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

A workshop meeting is planned. Items will be made for the Garden Club's Christmas nature craft sale and display to be held at the Leonard House on December 3rd.

Final plans for the annual banquet and installation of new officers to be held in November will be discussed. Payment for banquet reservations will also be accepted.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Guests and new members are welcome to attend.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Plans October Meeting

On Tuesday, October 18th, at 7:30 p.m. the October meeting of the Ag. Junior Women's Club will feature storyteller Tom McCabe from the Holyoke Children's Theater. Mr. McCabe will be telling us a story and will have information on the upcoming Children's Theater season.

The Juniors meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at the Capt. Charles Leonard House on Main Street. New members are always welcome. For more information please call Eileen Hamre at 789-2818.

Women's Guild To Sponsor Fall Rummage Sale

The Women's Guild of the Mittineague Congregational Church of 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA is holding its fall rummage sale in the Charles King Fellowship Hall of the church on Friday, October 14th. Doors will open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Offered for sale will be articles of clothing for the whole family, bric-a-brac, dishes, pots and pans, small electrical appliances, linens, books, games, toys and much more. Chairpersons for the event are Mrs. Peggy Como, Mrs. Marilyn Cass, Mrs. Charlotte Neukamm and Mrs. Patricia White.

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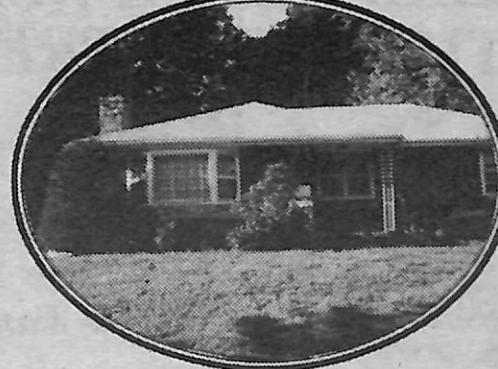
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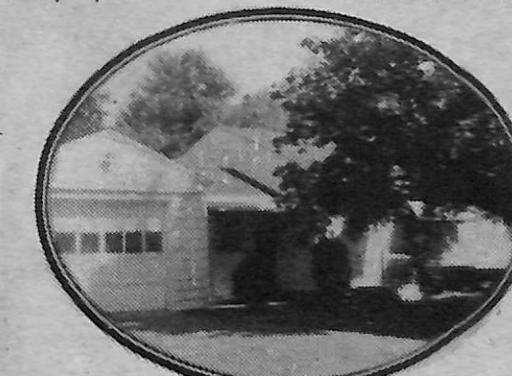


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GERTRUDE PORTER and LEONA BOOSKA proudly display homemade pumpkin and lemon meringue that were part of the dessert table at the Annual Harvest Supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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KITCHEN WORKERS Shirley Goss and Everett Hodge dish-out homemade baked beans at the Annual Harvest Supper of the First Baptist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DONALD & MILDRED STEPHENS can't believe all the good food that was served at the Annual Harvest Supper held at the Agawam First Baptist Church last Saturday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam High Class Of 1953 Celebrates 35th Reunion



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1953 gathered for its 35th Class Reunion at the Oaks Banquet House last Saturday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1953 members who traveled the farthest distance to return to "dear ole Agawam" for their 35-year reunion are - Alan W. McEwan (Bellevue, Washington), Lucille Moynihan (Roseland, New Jersey), and Joyce & Dan Barufaldi (Tappan, New York). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Catholic Women's Club To Meet October 10th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 10, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Center.

Following the business meeting, Program Chairperson, Mrs. Richard Gingras, will introduce Mrs. Alexander Toczko who will give a travelogue and slide presentation on Australia. Members are urged to attend.

We also welcome visitors and any prospective new members. Hospitality Chairperson for the evening is Mrs. Alfred Schmidt. Other upcoming events of the season are a Spaghetti Supper to be held at the Parish Center on October 13th from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 29th is the date set for the Annual Fall Craft Fair. All proceeds from this event are used for the scholarship fund.

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AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1953 Reunion Committee members include Janet Wysocki, Barb Rovelli, Joyce Silvia, Gerry Fogg, Jim Fogg, Lois Ruby, Ellen Drienisz, and Ted Twarog. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Saturday, October 8th
AHS Marching Mohawks Paper Drive
Agawam High Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 13th
Macaroni & Meatball Supper
Catholic Women's Club
St. John's Church
Serving From 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 16th
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Agawam High Gridiron Moms
Agawam Middle School
8:00 a.m. to noon

Friday, October 21st
Rummage Sale
Ladies Aid Society of the
Agawam Congregational Church
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and also from
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. that night

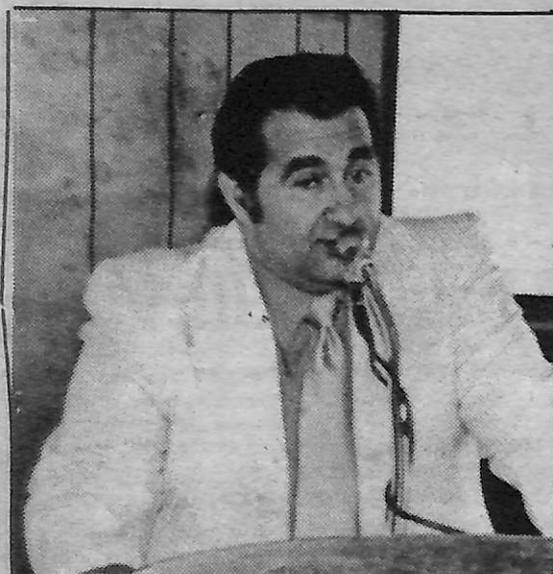


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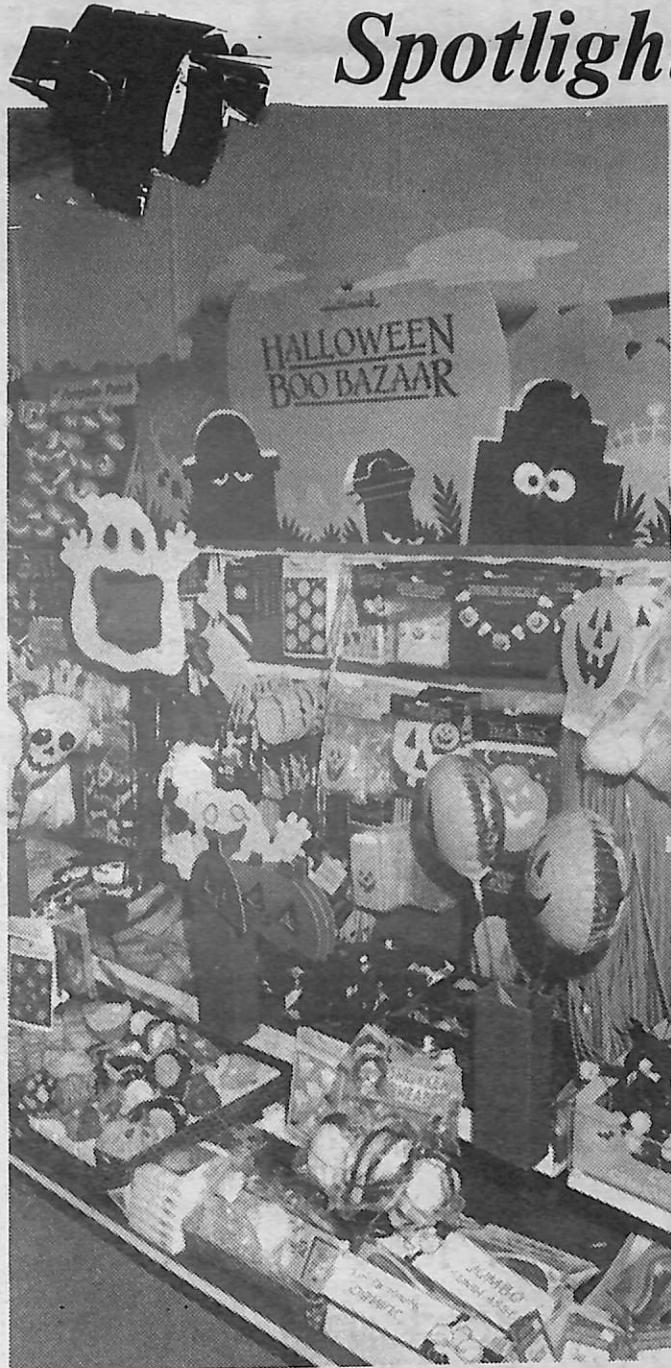
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IN PHOTO ABOVE, Surprise! Card & Gift Shoppe has a delightful Halloween "Boo Bazaar" with a bit of everything for the Halloween season. **IN PHOTO BELOW,** employees Maria Burrows (left) and Lillian Bonomi are two reasons why customers always come back.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Spotlight On Business



SURPRISE! CARD & GIFT SHOPPE is located at 838 Suffield Street, Agawam, next to the Big Y. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Surprise! Shoppe Has It All!!!

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

It's surprising what's in store for you at the **Surprise! Hallmark Card and Gift Shop**, a medium sized gallery with a megasize stock of cards and collectibles.

Located at 838 Suffield Street in Agawam (next door to the Big Y), it is run by Robert & Barbara McElligott, with Bob manning many of the shop hours while Barbara handles the store's displays and much of the buying responsibilities. That's in addition to her regular job as a nuclear medical technologist at Westfield's Noble Hospital.

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nying characters, from carolers to skaters to lovely horsedrawn sleighs - a ceramic step into bygone eras.

David Winter cottages and Howard Miller clocks are also in stock.

The whimsical eye will gravitate to the "Precious Moments" series of porcelain figurines and its companion series called "Memories of Yesterday" (similar to the Hummel style of statuary).

Surprise! carries a full line of brass and crystal accessories, from wine sets to lamps; picture frames for every size and need; stuffed animals line the floor to ceiling shelves on one wall, while rows of Hallmark cards are available for every sentiment and occasion. Gift selections fit every price range (from \$5.00 to \$500.00).

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CHH Engraving Grows With Use Of New Computer System

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

For the past three years Charlie Heyl of CHH Engraving has been custom crafting trophies and plaques from his Walnut Street Extension store, using state-of-the-art techniques to create his product.

The business is the necessary outgrowth of 18 years as a "cottage industry. It kind of outgrew the cellar," Heyl states, and as one looks at his display cases and the equipment in the back room shop, it's easy to see why.

Two computers generate the specifications for the engraving. Punch in the details from size to style of print, and the computer not only shows you the logistics of the finished product, it controls the actual engraving of the "plate" on a vacuum based plate.

Punch another button, and when you return with a fresh cup of coffee, your concept is reality and your client is happy.

That's not to diminish the thought and planning that goes into each complete work. In fact, unlike many trophy shops, Heyl does not work with preset designs. He buys the component parts and creates one-of-a-kind items to suit a client's special needs.

In addition to the traditional styles of trophies and plaques, Heyl works with color, adding reds, blues, or greens of company logos to the actual awards.

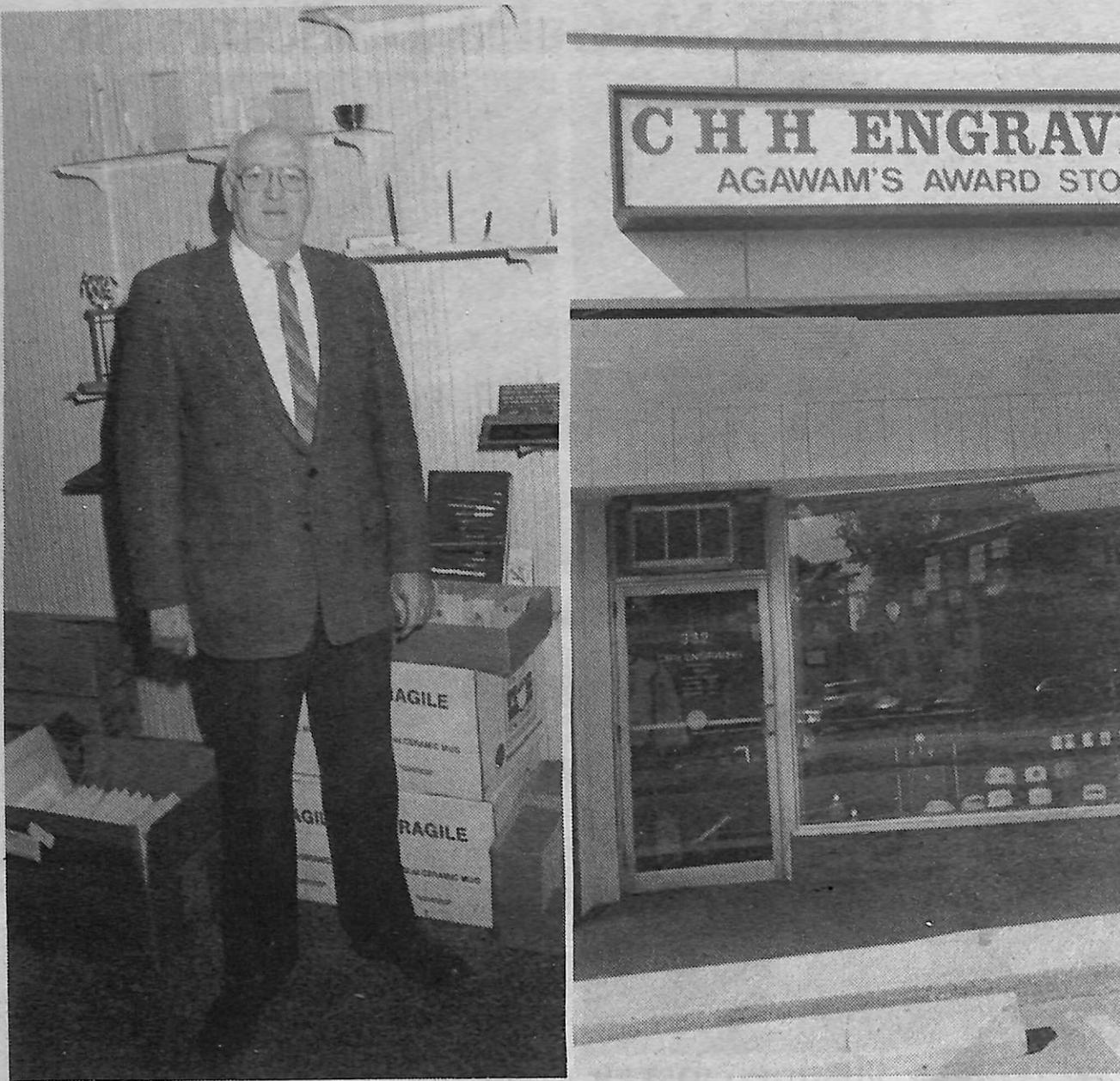
He explains, "The metal is lacquered to preserve its finish. The dyes I use actually color that lacquer. It's a process called 'supplementation,' a dying process that I feel adds color and personality to a plaque."

Heyl is also a "Cross" dealer, offering a classic line of pen and pencil sets for engraving. He also works with hats, sweatshirts, tee-shirts, and jackets.

An industrial arts teacher at Agawam Junior High for more than 20 years, Heyl left teaching and now pursues the engraving business full-time, serving as state director of the National Trophy Dealers Association. He continually seeks out new technology to perfect what is his craft, and genuinely enjoys his work.

Located at 332 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, Heyl's CHH Engraving is open Tuesday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Phone inquiries can be made by calling 789-2041.



C H H ENGRAVING
AGAWAM'S AWARD STORE

FORMER AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL industrial arts teacher Charlie Heyl is the proud owner and operator of CHH Engraving, located at 332 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam. Plate engraving, plaques, trophies, t-shirts, sweat-shirts, and Cross Pens are just some of the items available at the store. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Bishop McGuire Dedicates St. John's Church



SPRINGFIELD BISHOP JOSEPH MCGUIRE walks down the center aisle at Dedication Mass. for the newly-renovated St. John's the Evangelist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ANGELA & BILL BEAUDRY proudly look on as Bishop Joseph McGuire hugs their son, Michael. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

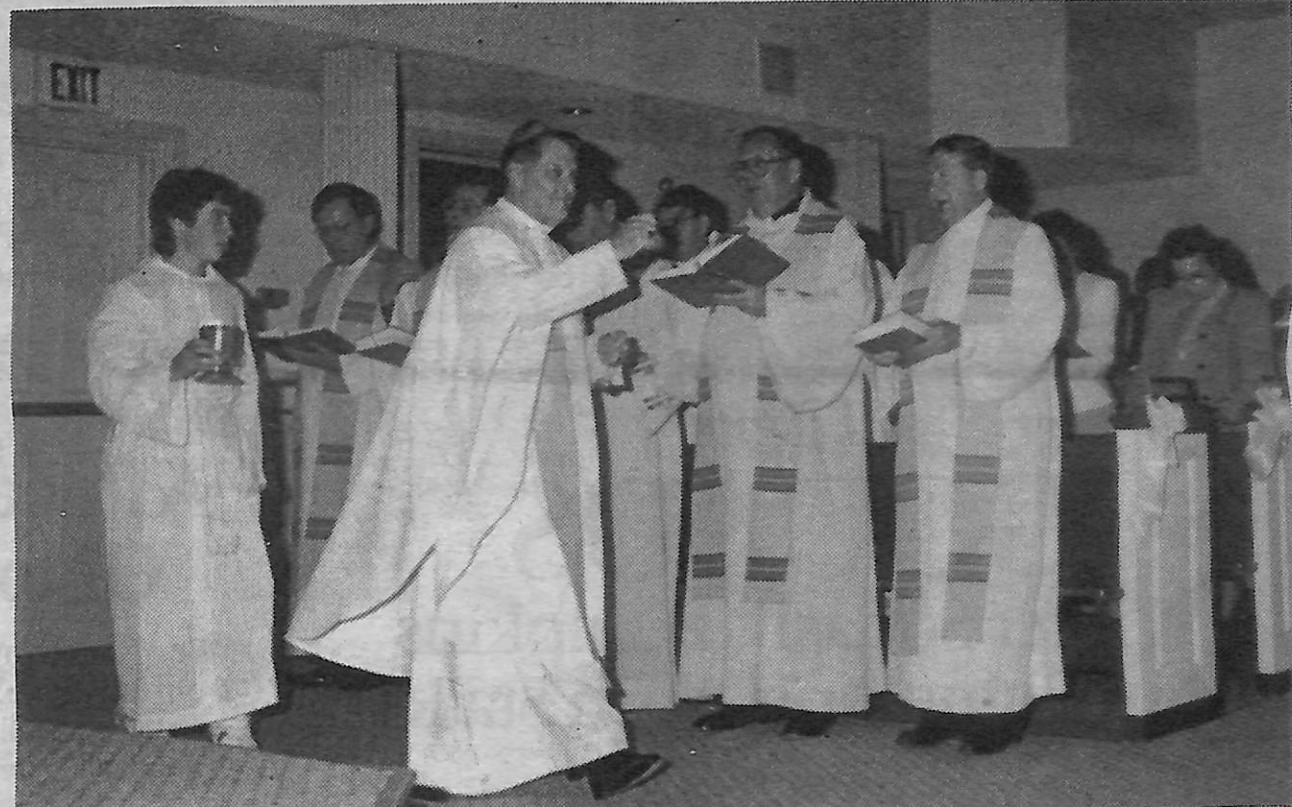


PICTURED WITH BISHOP MCGUIRE are the Sawyers - Nicole, Paul, and Michelle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONERS pictured with Bishop Joseph McGuire at a reception following the Dedication Mass of the new St. John's Church are Geraldine Schilling-Nordal and her husband, Reidar Nordal.

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BISHOP MCGUIRE leads priests and parishioners in song during the Dedication Mass of the newly-renovated church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ST. JOHN'S PASTOR KARL HULLER (left) and Bishop Joseph McGuire congratulate church Building Committee Chairman Richard Bennett (left) and architect Charlie Schmitt for a job well done. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Heritage Hall Nursing Home News & Activities

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Stella Nevue

Stella was born in Thorndike, Massachusetts, on April 11th, 1901. Her maiden name was Stella Mary Demoslowski. She married in 1928, having 10 children, six daughters and four sons. She also brought up three stepsons from her husband's first wife, who died in childbirth.

During the years she spent raising her family, Stella was known for her caring, loving, and understanding. She also found the time to maintain many lasting friendships. Although she never worked during her marriage, she was very active in the Foreign War Auxiliary. Stella also enjoyed reading.

She continues to lead an active life participating in many activity functions. She likes musical programs, religious services, and various social events. She is especially fond of bingo.

Heritage Hall is very pleased to have Stella as a member of its family.

Goodbye To Summer!

On Wednesday, September 28th, residents and staff members of Heritage Hall celebrated the end of summer and beginning of autumn at an indoor picnic. The event was held in the activity/dining room and the bright, colorful autumn decorations were done in warm red, yellow, and orange hues.

The delicious menu consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, watermelon, pickles, chips, and cupcakes for dessert. The atmosphere was filled with melodious tunes as everyone enjoyed listening to music from the big band era.

Staff members enjoyed a relaxing day as many took advantage of the opportunity to dress down for the occasion. Of course, little friends from the Heritage Hall Day Care joined in the fun.

Although everyone was sad to see summer end, they all agreed it was a fantastic way to say hello to autumn.

Beautiful Duck And Wild Flowers!

The annual event of the Sadie and Eli Gurvitch Senior Adult Art Show is being held this year at the Jewish Community Center located at 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield.



STELLA NEVUE
"Resident of the Week"

Street, Springfield.

Community artists within the age bracket of 50 to 97 years-old are eligible to enter. They are allowed to display one entry in the category of their choice. This year the invitation was extended to area nursing home

artists.

The following residents of Heritage Hall participated in the Oils category: Charles Mercer, Delores Monroe, Marcella O'Neil, Lydia Parkas, Dorothy Sturdevant, Alberta White, and Pauline Gibbs. On Sunday, September 18th, Activity Director Kathy Sohay accompanied several residents attending the opening reception.

The focal point of their attention was a third prize winner, "Beautiful Duck and Wild Flowers," painted by a fellow resident, Pauline Gibbs.

I Remember by Mildred Weake

"When I was young most women sewed whether they liked it or not. It was a necessity as ready-made clothes were not available and hiring a seamstress was expensive. Happily my mother enjoyed sewing. Of all the dresses she made for me, a white lace one was my favorite. It was just beautiful!"

Being promoted from eighth grade to ninth meant having a graduation exercise and that meant having a new dress. Mother chose a pattern with long sleeves and a high neckline. She was a very frugal person, not only with her money, but also her time, so when she chose the material for the dress, she had my upcoming confirmation in the back of her mind—a dress that I would want to wear to both occasions. She chose white lace and I loved it. Accented by black patent leather shoes and white two-button length gloves, plus a lovely corsage, I was very pleased.

Four years later at high school graduation time, our country was engaged in World War I. It was an emotional time and everyone was doing without and there were numerous shortages. Winning the war and having our boys come home was on everyone's mind.

This time when a new dress was needed, Mother carefully took out my white lace dress that was stored in the closet. It had been awhile since I had worn it and required a little altering. Mother worked a little miracle and once again I wore the white lace dress with pride.

After this final wearing, it was returned to the closet for storage. I don't remember when, where, or how my dress and I were parted. Oh yes, I do remember the dress so well!"

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his Agawam home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message for him.

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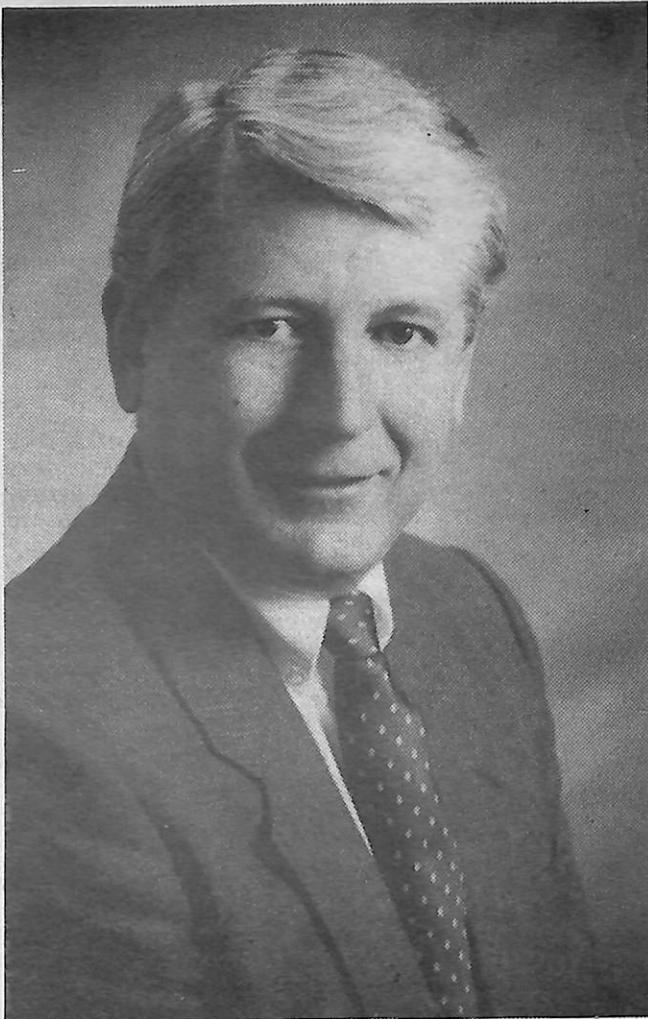
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JOHN PATTERSON

Another Great Meal At Heritage Hall West



ENJOYING A RECENT MEAL at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, West Building, were (seated) - Alice Cote, Bertha Hassett, Lucy McClean, and Marion Kennis, and standing, Richard Ryder and Inez James. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Patterson Named New Sr. VP To Bank's Credit Dept.

Timothy Crimmins, Jr., president of the Bank of Western Massachusetts, has announced the appointment of John (Jack) Patterson of Agawam to the position of senior vice president, Credit Administration.

According to Crimmins, "This is a major addition to our staff. With over 19 years of solid commercial banking experience, Jack not only brings to us a wealth of knowledge, but a thorough understanding of the needs of small to medium-sized businesses. We're delighted to have him as part of the team."

In his new position, Patterson will direct the development of new loan business and will be responsible for the administration of the bank's loan portfolio, which now exceeds \$48 million. The bank, which started in April of 1987, now has assets in excess of \$60 million.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with a locally-owned, independent bank whose focus is serving the needs of small and medium-sized businesses in Western Massachusetts," says Patterson. "The bank's growth is evidence of the need our community

has for this style of banking. I am quite confident that with the cooperative spirit that exists between our share-holders, customers and employees, the bank will continue to grow and achieve its financial objectives."

Patterson was previously with the Bank of New England West where he was in charge of loan review and credit administration. An MBA graduate from Western New England College, Jack, his wife, Kathy, and their children, Jack, Karen, and Kristen, live in Agawam.

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For Your Health

YOUR BACK & YOUR HEALTH

by Dr. Joseph & Dr. Katherine Schlaffer - Chiropractors



As I travel through the Feeding Hills backroads, I notice that the Fall Season has again arrived.

Pumpkins for sale. Apples, squash, cider, and cornstalks. What pleasant feelings these things arouse. Now I notice the leaves. The vibrant colors of changing leaves with crisp, cool air can attract even the most homebody out-of-doors. Now the pleasant memories begin to fade as I envision myself raking for hours.

Leaf raking! For those with larger yards and more trees, the task of leaf raking can become a dreaded yearly occurrence.

For many of us, this yearly ritual causes aches and pains especially in the lower back. In some, the pain just won't go away. Leaf raking is a strenuous activity to the muscles and ligaments of the lower back. All that twisting and pulling is especially hard on the spine.

To prevent those undesirable problems, it's important to keep your back in good shape. Warm up before beginning your work. Slowly stretch and limber up the muscles in your back. Don't forget your leg and arm muscles, too!

Remember to alternate raking from the left and right sides to maintain proper balance of the spinal muscles. When loading leaves into a bag, be sure to bend your legs rather than your back. Keep these bags small when the leaves are damp and heavy.

If you have had back problems or suspect that you might, call the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office at 789-1369 for a thorough examination.

By maintaining proper alignment of the spine, your chance of having back pain or more serious spinal problems is less.

Support Group For Parents Of Emotionally Troubled Kids

The next support group meeting for parents of emotionally troubled children or adolescents will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Memorial Division, 140 High Street, Springfield.

Irene Kimball, Regional Director, Western Massachusetts Office For Children will be present.

For more information, please call Pat Rogowski of Baystate (784-3861) or Ruth Stein of AMI (786-9139).

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YOUR Dental Health

by Dr. Stephen R. Jacaprarro
1379 Main Street - Agawam, 786-8177

TOOTH LONGEVITY

Q. What's the secret of people whose teeth last a lifetime?

A. They consistently take proper care of their teeth, which is not difficult, to prevent periodontal disease and severe tooth decay.

The first line of defense against both is daily brushing and flossing, done correctly. That helps to control the constant buildup of plaque. Neglected plaque invites periodontal disease, which can damage gums, bone and other structures supporting the teeth. It's important also to avoid sugar in foods and beverages. Acid formed by sugar and plaque creates cavities.

Brushing and flossing can't remove all of the plaque. That takes professional cleaning, on a schedule recommended by the dentist, so that checkups detect any cavities before severe decay occurs.

Presented as a community service by Stephen R. Jacaprarro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam. PHONE: 786-8177.

Strep Throat Is Nothing To Fool With!!!

by Dr. Kevin J. Quinlan
Agawam Medical Center

Pharyngitis is the medical term for sore throat. The most well-publicized cause of pharyngitis is strep, also known as Group A beta hemolytic streptococcus.

This is the bacterium that is routinely tested for on throat cultures. The classic symptom complex for "strep throat" includes high fever, sore throat with whitish exudate on the tonsils or in the posterior throat, and lymphadenopathy (swollen glands in the neck).

However, there are several other organisms, both bacterial and viral, that can give exactly the same symptom complex. Since a "strep throat" cannot be reliably differentiated from other causes of sore throat by clinical exam alone, a culture is necessary.

Besides strep throat, other causes of sore throat include infectious mononucleosis, diphtheria, other types of strep that are not Group A beta hemolytic, and many different viruses, including Coxsackie virus, ECHO virus, Adenovirus, Corohavirus, Parainfluenza virus and Rhinovirus.

These viral causes of sore throat are usually treated symptomatically with throat lozenges and will get better without antibiotics. In fact, there is considerable debate as to whether a course of antibiotics for strep throat will shorten the length of the infection. The reason Penicillin continues to be used in strep pharyngitis is to prevent subsequent development of acute rheumatic fever.

In many cases acute rheumatic fever can lead to valvular heart disease and chronic heart problems for most of a person's lifetime. The incidence of rheumatic fever following streptococcal pharyngitis was approximately 3 per 100 cases 30 or 40 years ago, and at that time rheumatic fever was relatively common.

Today, for really unknown reasons, rheumatic fever is much less common and the incidence of rheumatic fever following proven strep infection is about 100 times less than it was 30 or 40 years ago.

Nevertheless, an outbreak of rheumatic fever in

Utah in 1987 has again emphasized the need to antibiotics in the actual treatment of streptococcal pharyngitis. If antibiotics are not used routinely against strep pharyngitis many experts predict that rheumatic fever may re-emerge as a more common clinical entity.

Another extremely common cause of sore throat in a young person is **infectious Mononucleosis**, which is caused by EBV (Epstein-Barr Virus). This is usually a self-limiting viral infection and cannot be helped by antibiotics.

The patient usually presents with a sore throat, fever, very swollen glands, and extreme fatigue that can drag on for weeks. Almost always, patients get better with rest, however, and since there is no specific treatment, the main value in making a diagnosis is to exclude more serious diseases such as Hodgkin's Disease or other lymphomas which can also cause swelling of lymph nodes.

The main thing to remember is that many sore throats do not require antibiotic therapy. We do not recommend that patients start antibiotics on their own, since even with painful swollen glands and exudate on the tonsils many of these sore throats are really only viral, not strep.

Antibiotics in viral infections are of no help, are expensive, and can lead to unwanted side effects. We recommend strongly that anyone with a sore throat, swollen glands, and fever come to be examined and get a throat culture and then receive a full 10-day course of either Penicillin or Erythromycin treatment if the throat culture is positive for beta strep.

If the culture is negative, antibiotic treatment is not required, but throat lozenges or throat spray (i.e. Cepacol) are available "OYC" to provide symptomatic relief.

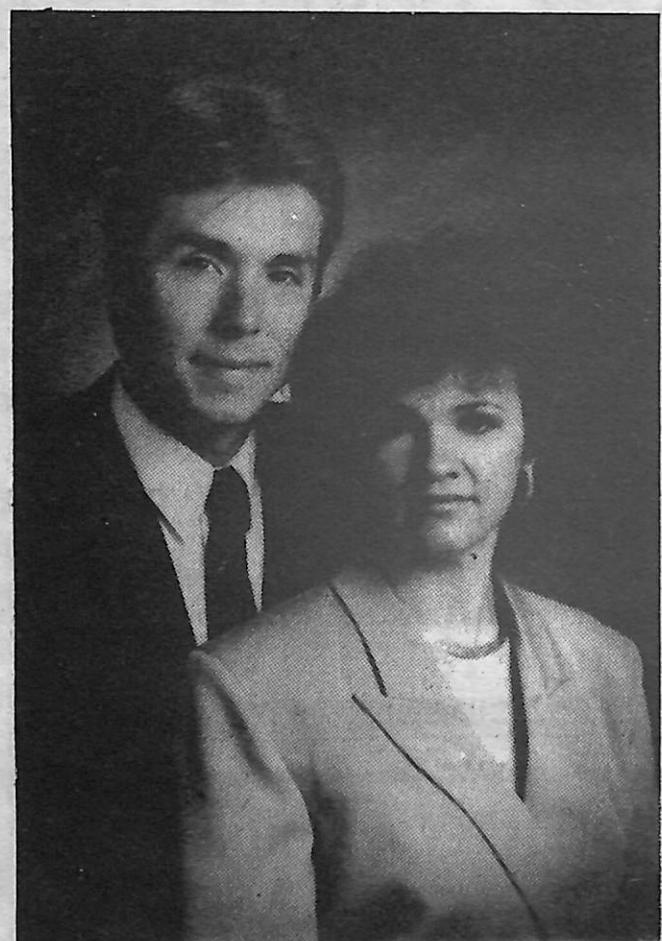
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For Your Health - continued...

A Child's First Eye Exam: The Sooner The Better!!!

by Dr. Richard Gallerani

Optometrist

Crossroad Shoppes - Feeding Hills Center

Many people ask when their children should have their first eye examination and are surprised to learn I begin at age three to four.

Most are surprised because they did not feel an exam could be done since the child is unable to read the chart. While important, it is only one small part of the eye examination. There are many tests that can be done to ensure that the child has normal and healthy eyes.

There are several ways to test visual acuity in a younger child. While a child's eyes are nearly completely developed by this age, they may not know the alphabet. Visual acuity charts with the "rotating E" or "C" can be used as can a chart with figures the child will recognize (car, hand, birthday cake, telephone).

Small hand held cards, called "Allen Cards," with figures on them, can also be used to give the doctor versatility in testing distance. These can be sent home with the parent prior to the examination for the child to learn.

Since a child will generally track a light at this age, the six muscles that control eye movement can be evaluated and any weaknesses that may lead to an eye turn (crossed eyes or "Wall" eyes) detected.

Another test, the cover test or swinging paddle test, can be done to determine if the eyes are straight. These are two tests critical in determining amblyopia or lazy eye. The muscles which control pupil size can be evaluated with the same light to determine if the child's neuro-ocular health is normal.

Keratometry, a test to determine the curvature of the corneas, can also (usually) be done at this age. This test will help determine how much astigmatism the child has. Astigmatism in the eye is the result of the shape of the cornea.



Why should I have my eyes examined?
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If the curvature of the cornea is round (picture one-half of a baseball) light focuses in one spot on the retina. If the curvature is different (picture one-half a football) light focuses in two spots and a blurred image that cannot be resolved results. This can lead to amblyopia (lazy eye), since the image is never in focus and proper vision does not develop.

Another important test that can be performed on children of this age is **retinoscopy**. This will give information as to whether the child is myopic (nearsighted), hyperopic (farsighted), or has astigmatism.

If there is a very high prescription, or if the eyes are very different, a lazy eye could develop. If the child has difficulty with this test, drops can be used to give a more accurate evaluation of the prescription. This is

called a cycloplegic examination.

At this age ophthalmoscopy, which looks at the health of the retinas (the back of the eye), and slit lamp biomicroscopy, which looks at the front structures (cornea, iris, lens), can be done to ensure that the eyes are healthy and well-developed.

A first exam before kindergarten is strongly recommended. The eyes must be straight and have a clear retinal image for proper vision to develop. This must be accomplished by age 6 or 7 or the damage is irreversible (amblyopia).

Obviously, the earlier a vision problem is detected and corrected the better the chance for attaining 20/20 vision and normal depth perception.

It is also important to remember that a child does not know what "clear" or "blurry" are. A child thinks that what he or she sees is what everyone sees.

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MANAGING YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



DEAR DR. SOBEL:

I seldom write "testimonials" to anyone! However, you have recently become the exception. I feel others who read this paper will want to know of my recent experiences.

I have been in the real estate sales field for over 10 years. I heard you speak to our company in a general sales/motivational meeting a while ago. I then inquired if you had any small sales/skills classes forming, which you had noted happens on occasion.

Well, I got lucky! A week after I called, you let me know of a new group forming for your three-week sales course. I joined and each 90 minute session flew by more quickly than any other course I had taken. (I have taken courses with other "firms" over the years.)

The ideas you made us think about, such as visualizing the sale, how to turn a buyer objection into a sale, how to listen better, how to avoid conflict and misperceptions, etc., were great!

My sales have increased steadily since the course and I attribute my success directly to your approach and instilling in us the ideas of positive self-expectancy and how to maximize our strengths. The "mini" stress reduction techniques are also very useful. I also found the other four group members interesting and from other areas of sales.

Thank-you for your belief in me and my work! Others, not only from sales, should take this life-enriching course!

Grateful, Westfield, Ma.

Agawam VFW Raises Over \$3,000 For St. Jude Fund

The annual St. Jude Danny Thomas Children's Research Hospital benefit held by the Agawam VFW Post 1632 auxiliary and men raised \$4,016.16, and netted \$3,052.

Ann Palmer, chairwoman of the benefit, would like to thank all the merchants in Agawam, Springfield, and surrounding communities for their generous donations this benefit has received to have made it such a success.

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ANSWER:

As I train and meet with people who have a desire to increase their approach in sales, I continue to believe that many people will not reach their potential if not exposed to certain techniques, and a close examination of their strengths and weaknesses.

True, many are content to earn a comfortable living, but many are not. As we begin to become proficient in heading off problems before they start, and to expect the most from ourselves each day, we start the "Success Cycle."

I have received several letters like yours. Each are a little different. The thing that all the letters had in common is the idea that it is never too early or too late to improve sales skills and learn stress techniques that will make many more content emotionally and financially.

As I always say, the things you get excited about tend to get excited about you!

STRESS CHECK:

This letter has also served as a reminder—our next three session sales course, which is multi-faceted in content, will take place in October-November. Space will be limited. You can receive more information by calling Dr. Sobel, Sales Course, 785-1259. Many companies will pay for the cost of the course as well.

Pre-registration is also taking place for the seminar "Prescription for Success and Happiness," which will take place on October 19th in the evening. AAN readers will receive a substantial discount. Call 785-1259 for more information (3.6 contact hours for nurses as well).

You can still receive free information on relaxation training, and how to receive my newest tape. The tape will sell for much more than the \$10 it will cost AAN readers. (Side one—"Daily Pep Talk," runs about 6.5 minutes. Side two—"Daily Relaxation," runs about 8.5 minutes.) Send check payable to Dr. Sobel, c/o NEISM, 322 Main Street, Springfield, MA, 01105. The tape features Dr. Sobel speaking and instructing.

What are your stress symptoms? They vary, but we will send you a comprehensive list for free. Get yours today!

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S.T.A.R.T EXERCISING

by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.

S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
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DEAR S.T.A.R.T:

I have problems with recurring back pain which is usually a result of increased activities. What can be done to combat this difficult problem?

Sore in Southwick

DEAR S.I.S.,

You are affected by a problem that affects two out of four Americans. It can be very frustrating along with limiting your physical activity. It can also affect your job and social life. Due to the complexity of most back problems we approach them with a variety of approaches.

Your spine should have two curves built into it to absorb shock so it is important to maintain the natural curves in your spine. As you know, a lot of lifting, bending and rotation are very tough on the spine and should be limited. Evaluation of your spine will reveal if you require more flexibility into extension, bending backwards, or more with bending forward, or flexion. Most people need more work on improving back extension because we spend so much time sitting and bending forward. Also, most people could use some improvement with hamstring flexibility which helps with forward bending. Strength of the back muscles and abdominals is very important because they provide a support system to the spine which acts much like wires to a tent. Optimum strength of these muscle groups should be sought because they are the first line of defense and take forces off of the spine. Without strong muscles the spine actually undergoes more stresses. Also, your overall general fitness level is important to maintain good elasticity and condition of total body muscles along with cardio-vascular benefits. The more fit you are the better your body and back can adapt to activity. Activities such as walking and swimming are excellent for general fitness, as well as increasing above mentioned muscles.

So, to combat this difficult problem we should try to decrease bending and twisting. Be aware of your posture. Increase flexibility and strength of your back and abdominal muscles and improve your overall fitness level. So, S.T.A.R.T. using these techniques and you will be on your way.



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Controlling Strokes & Heart Attacks ...

THE STROKE PROFILE

A person who's most likely to have a stroke will probably have high blood pressure and/or a history of brief, intermittent stroke episodes. A thorough medical examination often shows the presence of atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), too. Diabetic individuals have a greater chance of stroke than other people. Increased cholesterol levels and other fats in the blood also add to the risk of stroke. Gout (elevated uric acid) and heavy smoking are less well-documented risk factors.

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF HEART ATTACK AND STROKE

There are several ways to lower your chance of having a heart attack or stroke. The following advice, if you heed it, could save your life.

Have Your Blood Pressure Checked Once A Year. High blood pressure is a major risk factor in heart attack, and it's the major risk factor in stroke.

Don't Smoke Cigarettes. Smoking increases the risk of heart attack.

Eat Nutritious Food In Moderate Amounts. Eat a well-balanced diet that's low in cholesterol and saturated fats. Fatty foods contribute to atherosclerosis, which itself is a major contributor to heart attack and stroke.

Have Regular Medical Checkups. Risk factors such as high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, excess weight, lack of exercise and cigarette smoking call for medical supervision to prevent a heart attack or stroke.

WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL WITH MEDICAL SUPERVISION

Blood Cholesterol. Cholesterol is a fatty substance that's found in everyone's living tissue. People need some cholesterol, and they get it in two ways. First, a person's body automatically manufactures most of the cholesterol it needs; but second, people increase their cholesterol levels by eating foods that contain it or that stimulate the body to increase its production of cholesterol. Too much cholesterol isn't healthy, however, because when it's carried by the blood it can

build up on the walls of arteries. When this happens, the arterial passageways are narrowed, the blood supply to the heart or brain is decreased, and the stage is set for a heart attack or stroke. If excess cholesterol is a problem, your doctor can prescribe dietary changes and drugs to keep your blood cholesterol within a normal range.

High Blood Pressure. Modern medicine hasn't identified the cause of most cases of high blood pressure, but even though the cause isn't known, fortunately there are ways to treat and control it. If necessary, your doctor can suggest changes in lifestyle and medication to keep your blood pressure in check.

Diabetes. Diabetes, or a hereditary tendency toward it, is linked with an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Your doctor can detect diabetes and prescribe a program to control your diet and weight if necessary. Exercise and drugs also may be prescribed to keep diabetes in check.

WHAT YOU CAN'T CONTROL

Heredity. Although there's no hard scientific evidence that heart attack and stroke are hereditary, it's true that some families have a higher incidence of these diseases. In such cases, reducing other risk factors (which can be controlled) becomes even more important. Race is also important. Black Americans are almost 33 percent more likely to have high blood pressure than whites. Statistics also show that they are more likely to suffer strokes at an earlier age and with more severe results.

Sex. Young women have a much lower death rate from heart attack than men. After menopause, apparently because of hormonal changes, the rate of heart attack for women increases sharply, although it never reaches that of men.

Age. More than one fifth of all heart attack deaths occur before age 65. Stroke, generally a disease of the elderly, also strikes younger people at an alarming rate. In fact, about one in seven people who die from stroke is under age 65.

"Keeping Baby Safe" To Be At Baystate Medical Center

Baystate Medical Center will introduce a Parent Education Program at Wesson Women's Hospital entitled "Keeping Baby Safe," on Tuesday, October 11th and 18th.

The program is designed to provide parents with knowledge of a safe environment for a baby's first year.

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Included in the program will be CPR for infants, first aid techniques, aspects of car safety, and a film discussing "baby-proofing" your home.

Amy Pasini, a parent education instructor who has a national certification in advanced first aid and CPR, will preside over the program.

For more information call 784-BABY (2229).

Standard First Aid Course At Providence Hospital

A "Standard First Aid" course is being offered at Providence Hospital on a "by registration only" basis in a special four session program.

John Poulopoulos, EMT, course instructor, said the program will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays, October 11th, 18th, 25th, November 1st, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Providence Hospital Outpatient Department, Room 115 of the Catherine Horan Medical Building adjacent to the hospital.

Poulopoulos is a standard first aid instructor and an advanced first aid instructor. Among the topics will be splinting, bandaging, common emergencies, loads, lifts, and carries. Time will be available for questions and answers.

The price of the program is \$40, not including books and materials.

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Arts

Squabbles Wears Well For Encore Players

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Disagreements and arguments among in-laws have long served and continue to serve as the material for many a successful comedy, and this particular subject matter is certainly used to fruition in the hilarious and aptly-titled *Squabbles*, the opening production of the Encore Players 1988-89 season.

The two-act, Marshall Karp comedy, which ran last Thursday through Saturday, has four more performances scheduled for this Thursday through Sunday (October 6th through 9th). The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows are evening performances which start at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday show is a matinee performance at 1:00 p.m. All performances are held in the downstairs theater of Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue (corner of Sumner Avenue and White Street), Springfield.

Set in the present, *Squabbles* deals with the tumultuous events that occur within the household of Jerry and Alice Sloan (real-life husband-and-wife Rock and Carol Palmer), a young couple who reside in a suburban community within the city of Stamford, Connecticut. On the plus side, the Sloans are expecting their first child, and both of them have successful and profitable careers; she is an attorney, and he is a creator of songs - a.k.a. "jingles" - for commercials.

On the negative side, however, Alice's elderly father, Abe Dreyfus (Dick Volker), has been living with them for six weeks. A widower with a heart condition who drove a cab for 50 years, Abe is a cantankerous codger who firmly believes that arguing with other people is a "healthy" way of communicating with them, and it appears as though he wants to spend the rest of his golden years living with his loving daughter and son-in-law.

As if this wasn't enough to create some anxiety for their expectant household, Jerry and Alice are about to receive another "temporary" visitor - his mother, Mildred Sloan (Jean Lind Gordon). You see, Mildred has just lost her home in a tragic fire, and since she has nowhere else to go, she assumes that it would be perfectly all right if she moved in with her loving son and daughter-in-law.

But, little does she know that Alice's father Abe is already living there with them; and, as fate would have it, she can't stand him. To show you how much she can't stand him, Mildred had attacked Abe with a cake cutter at Jerry and Alice's wedding reception, thereby leading everyone in attendance to believe that, despite their respective love for the young couple, there wouldn't be much affection between these two in-laws.

Now, as fate would also have it, Mildred is forced to live under the same roof with Abe, thus ensuring that the Sloan household will be anything but dull during Alice's pregnancy.

Squabbles is an entertaining production that is typical of the kinds of enjoyable shows that the Encore Players are known for giving. For instance, the acting is of a consistently high quality, the direction (this time by the ever-capable Jean Burns) is equally fine, and the set (designed for this show by Charles Treiber) is visually striking and furnished with an appropriate amount of eye-catching props and furniture.

However, what makes this particular play even more special is the play itself. During the first act, the dialogue by Marshall Karp is chock full of rapid-fire insults, one-liners, and other earmarks of a lighthearted farce as the characters of Abe Dreyfus and Mildred Sloan go at each other with tooth and nail.

Yet, during the second act, the script takes a turn for the serious, and *Squabbles* is to be commended for tak-

7-member cast. Making his second appearance on the community theatre stage, Joel Schnur is good in the small role of Sol Wasserman, a nearby fellow who frequently visits the Sloan household to play cards with his good friend, Abe Dreyfus. This auspicious performance marks Schnur's first endeavor with the Encore Players, and bodes well for future work and success with this popular and well-known community theatre



THE CAST OF THE ENCORE PLAYERS' production of *Squabbles* enjoying one of their quieter moments. The play has four more performances this weekend. Call 783-1616 for ticket reservations and/or additional information.

ing on this additional dimension. There is an old saying which states that opposites attract, and consequently, the ongoing and seemingly endless rivalry between Abe and Mildred gradually begins to subside as the two of them begin to see good points in each other's personality. During this less farcical portion of the story, the humor takes on a more tender nature and becomes less hectic, and the plot itself manages to make some perceptive and moving observations on the loneliness which many older people experience.

As I said earlier, the acting in *Squabbles* is very impressive, and this applies to all of the performers in this

group.

As Mrs. Fisher, an unbelievably stern and stoic governess whom Jerry and Alice hire to take care of their newborn baby during the latter portion of the play, Pam Townsend is an absolute riot to watch. She nearly steals the show by not only walking like a toy soldier with goose-step movements, but also speaking with an uproariously farfetched German accent that would sound right at home on the old television comedy *Hogan's Heroes*.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

Crossing Delancey: 3 STARS

Directed by Joan Micklin Silver (*Chilly Scenes of Winter*) and based on an off-Broadway play by Susan Sandler (who, incidentally, adapted her work to the screen), this charming little film stars Amy Irving as a young woman in her mid 30's who's perfectly content to live her life as a bachelorette. But, her doting and ever-loving grandmother (Reizl Bozyk) desperately wants her to get married, and thus, asks a matchmaker friend (Sylvia Miles) of hers to find a man for her "available" granddaughter.

However, the man whom the matchmaker comes up with is a down-to-earth pickle merchant (Peter Riegert) who is a far cry from the uppity friends whom Irving's character hangs around with at the chic bookstore where she works.

Though its pacing is too leisurely and laid-back, *Crossing Delancey* is still a very enjoyable romantic comedy that brings to mind the highly popular *Moonstruck*. While that earlier, Oscar-winning picture dealt with the culture of Italian residents in Brooklyn, New York, this movie focuses on the "Old World" customs of Jewish denizens in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Yet, like *Moonstruck*, it is ethnically-oriented and old-fashioned entertainment which produces many moments of tender and unbridled hilarity.

Basically a small, slice-of-life story about all-too-human people who are easy to identify with, *Crossing Delancey* is not only a wry commentary on the nature of love and loneliness among single young people in the 1980's, but is also an effective showcase for some truly superb acting by a cast of exceptional performers.

Among the supporting players, Dutch actor Jeroen Krabbe (*The Living Daylights*) is delightfully lascivious as a bohemian novelist who treats women like playthings and continually lusts after Irving's character. And, in the part of the story's matchmaker, Miles conveys an obnoxiously pushy persona that is downright uproarious to watch.

As for the major members of the cast, Irving (*Micki and Maude*) turns in a first-rate performance as an initially conceited woman who gradually comes to the realization that she has been a longtime snob when it comes to judging the men in her life. At the same time,

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Like the aforementioned Schnur, actor Paul Henault makes his debut with the Encore Players in this production, and he absolutely shines in the role of Hector Lopez, a Hispanic neighbor of Jerry and Alice Sloan. Wearing a variety of "loud" clothing and using an amusingly exaggerated Spanish accent that would befit the cartoon character Speedy Gonzales, he depicts his character as a likably lazy and slovenly fellow who is supposed to do odd chores for Jerry and Alice, but winds up spending most of his working time using their bathroom.

Rock and Carol Palmer, as Jerry and Alice Sloan, have the two most difficult roles in *Squabbles*. Their characters are essentially "straight man" roles which act as unwitting referees for the ever-feuding Abe Dreyfus and Mildred Sloan, and thus, are the least comically flamboyant people in this play. Nevertheless, this real-life couple does a first-rate job with their respective parts by providing them with charming and lively temperaments that perfectly complement the more boisterous personas of Abe and Mildred.

Speaking of the character of Mildred Sloan, Miss Gordon is quite memorable in this role. Another newcomer to the Encore Players, this veteran actress from Little Rock, Arkansas, has performed in community and repertory theatre throughout the United States, and her easily discernible talent enables her to portray Mildred as a kindly and refined woman one moment, and then as an outspoken and fiery-tempered person the next—especially when she is in Abe Dreyfus' company.

Her scathingly sarcastic dialogue with him supplies the play with its most unforgettable uproarious moments, and this high level of humor is a testament to her thespian skills as well as the quality of the script.

And last, but certainly not least, Volker is undeniably delightful as Abe Dreyfus. In addition to speaking with a drollly credible Jewish accent, this actor skillfully projects the wryly argumentative nature of his part, and at the same time, prevents him from coming across as an unlikable man because he also exhibits some sentimental and romantic feelings throughout the story.

Like the now-classic character of Archie Bunker, Abe is the kind of dauntless loudmouth whom you can disapprove of yet be fond of at the same time (especially when he is conversing with Mildred Sloan and realizes that she is quite an arguer in her own right), thanks to Volker's most skillful rendering of this most entertaining individual.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Tickets for the Encore Players' production of *Squabbles* range from \$4 to \$6 and can be purchased at the door. Call 783-1616 for ticket reservations and/or additional information.

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Riegert (*Local Hero*) is equally outstanding in the role of an everyday kind of guy who knows exactly who he is and possesses the sort of self-confidence that arises from a deep-down and unshakable feeling of pride in himself.

To me, the most memorable portrayal in *Crossing Delancey* is given by Bozyk as Irving's grandmother. This elderly actress is wonderfully funny and mischievous as her character takes an active part in determining the future of her granddaughter's life, and her performance is so vibrant and endearing that it is bound to earn a nomination for Best Supporting Actress at next spring's Academy Awards ceremony.

Gorillas in the Mist: 3½ STARS

A thoroughly interesting and compelling drama that tells the real-life story of Dian Fossey (Sigourney Weaver), a Kentucky-born anthropologist who, since the mid 1960's, dedicated nearly 20 years of her life to studying and protecting the mountain gorillas of the Central African nation of Rwanda, and how her ever-persistent devotion toward these primates prevented their possible extinction as a species.

My only complaint with *Gorillas in the Mist* is that its plot is somewhat dragged out, and thus, this flaw causes the film to have a number of slow-moving scenes. On the whole, however, the picture is a high-quality and extremely worthwhile production that represents a praiseworthy cinematic achievement.

Reminiscent of a 1984 movie titled *Never Cry Wolf*, which chronicled the true adventures of a biologist (played by actor Charles Martin Smith) who studied and lived among the wolves of the Yukon Territory, *Gorillas in the Mist* is a stunningly photographed testament to one person's indomitable spirit. Despite the presence of civil war, widespread poaching, and an indifferent attitude on the part of the Rwandan government towards that poaching, the character of Dian Fossey was determined to make contact with the elusive gorillas, learn as much about them as she possibly could, and in the process, defend them from the merciless and selfish onslaughts of mankind.

Although this film is technically impressive thanks to its eye-catching footage depicting the interaction between these primates and the human actors, it is also quite impressive on a dramatic level because of some solid performances. In the part of a *National Geographic* photographer who has a love affair with Dian Fossey, Australian actor Bryan Brown (*Cocktail*) delivers a fine portrayal, as does African performer John Omirah Miluwi as a Rwandan tracker who becomes Fossey's closest friend during her years in Central Africa.

Yet, it is Weaver (*Half Moon Street*) herself who provides *Gorillas in the Mist* with its best acting and, by the same token, ultimately serves as the picture's

strongest point. In many recent newspaper, magazine, and television interviews, this actress has stated that her role as Dian Fossey has been her most fulfilling one to date, and this statement is certainly reflected by the amount of energy and emotion that she has put into this particular character.

At first, Weaver depicts Dian Fossey as an inquisitive and good-natured woman whose affectionate feelings for the gorillas resulted from her scientific interest as an anthropologist.

But, as the years go by, her character becomes chronically obsessed with them and comes to regard them as her personal property, and Weaver now exhibits a quick-tempered, dislikeable persona which suggests that while Dian Fossey was indeed a woman of upstanding intentions, she was still a fallible human being whose antagonistic temperament was partly responsible for what eventually and tragically befell her.

Heartbreak Hotel: 3½ STARS

A surprisingly entertaining "rock and roll fantasy" wherein the year is 1972 and an aspiring teenage musician (Charlie Schlatter) from Ohio comes up with a plan to kidnap Elvis Presley (David Keith) in order to uplift the spirits of his down-on-her-luck, Elvis-adoring mother (Tuesday Weld).

Heartbreak Hotel has been getting some scathing reviews which have called it nonsensical junk and one of the worst movies of 1988. I, on the other hand, totally disagree with these negative criticisms, since I found it to be a refreshingly creative story that's filled with warmhearted wit and imagination.

Written and directed with sincere emotion by Chris Columbus (*Adventures in Babysitting*), this nostalgic film presents us with a "what if...?" situation that most of us, I'm sure, have thought about from time to time. "What...if?" our favorite celebrity lived with us for a while. How would our lives be affected, and how would we affect that particular celebrity? *Heartbreak Hotel* does a good job of tackling these questions in an inventive fashion, and manages to come across as both a humorously moving tribute to the "King" of rock and roll himself, and a tongue-in-cheek homage to the cornball B pictures which Elvis made during his heyday.

With regard to the acting, Schlatter (*18 Again!*) and Weld (*Serial*) are both poignant as ordinary people whose lives become unexpectedly brighter and happier as a result of their personal encounter with Elvis. In the meantime, Keith (*An Officer and a Gentleman*) does a splendid job of imitating the vocal and physical mannerisms of Elvis Presley, as well as projecting the aura of a world-weary, veteran entertainer who gets an opportunity to re-experience a sense of youthful innocence and fun via his time as a "hostage" of a normal, middle-class family.

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Marcia Reed-Hendricks, a 1972 graduate of Agawam High School, just returned from participating in the Seoul Olympic Arts Festival in Korea.

Mrs. Reed-Hendricks, a teacher in the Fine Arts department at The Williston Northampton School, visited Seoul, Korea, from September 11th to September 22nd and participated in an exhibition of assemblages and collages by 28 artists from the New England area at the Seoul Institute of the Arts in Yejang-dong, central Seoul.

Mrs. Reed-Hendricks gave lectures and showed several of her collage works in the program. She said being in Korea was "a great experience." She was able to attend the opening ceremonies of the Olympics, a dress rehearsal for the closing ceremonies, and some of the equestrian events.

The exhibition opened to a large audience where Mrs. Reed-Hendricks met cultural ministers and American ambassadors, and was able to gain a new perspective on the Olympics.

The Koreans "were very intrigued by our Western art; it was new and inventive and they were curious to learn all about it," Mrs. Reed-Hendricks said.

Mrs. Reed-Hendricks' collage works use style and imagery based on birds and mythology. She incorporates the collage into all the art courses she teaches, feeling it is a natural medium allowing students greater creativity by working with a variety of materials.

A graduate of UMass with bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts, she has been teaching at Williston Northampton for 10 years.

The exhibition, which continues in Seoul through October 2nd, will be shown at Nesto Gallery at Milton Academy December 8th through January 20th and will be at the Herbert Art Gallery at UMass from February 6th through February 27th.

It was shown earlier this year at Maris Gallery at Westfield State College and The Lamont Gallery, Phillips Exeter Academy.

Symphony Day At The Tuesday Morning Music Club

Symphony Day at the Tuesday Morning Music Club will be on October 18th at 10:30 a.m. at the Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts, A.I.C. campus. The club will present a gift to the Springfield Symphony, representing its continuing support of the fine orchestra.

The musical program will be presented by club members. Muriel Holmes, soprano, accompanied by Lee Flathers, will sing the Hat Shop Scene from Bernstein's "Trouble in Tahiti." Nur-Intan Murtadaza, pianist, will perform Chopin's Ballade in G Minor. She will also join Frigga Scott, pianist, in Schubert's Fantasy in F Minor for four hands. Frigga Scott will complete the program playing Hindemith's Sonata Number Two.

All music lovers are encouraged to join the club, offering 12 morning musical programs each year. For more information, call Mary Hass at 788-8031 or see her at the October 18th meeting.

Agawam Resident Demonstrates Weaving



AGAWAM RESIDENT LORIS EPPS, a member of the Weaver's Guild of Springfield, demonstrates loom weaving to spectators in the New England Center of The Big E during last month's 12-day extravaganza.

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Don't let its goofy premise and the generally negative press that it's certain to get turn you off. *Heartbreak Hotel* is offbeat, escapist fare that's replete with an array of subtle, Elvis-oriented "details" which are sure to be recognized by his many fans. But, don't take just my word for it. See *Heartbreak Hotel* for yourself and be prepared to relish one of this year's

unexpected moviegoing pleasures.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- *Crossing Delancey*: Rated PG for the grown-up nature of its story.
- *Gorillas in the Mist*: Rated PG-13 for some bloody violence and profanity.
- *Heartbreak Hotel*: Rated PG-13 for some mature situations.

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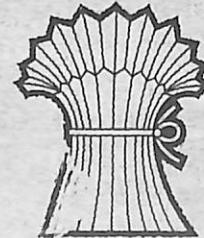
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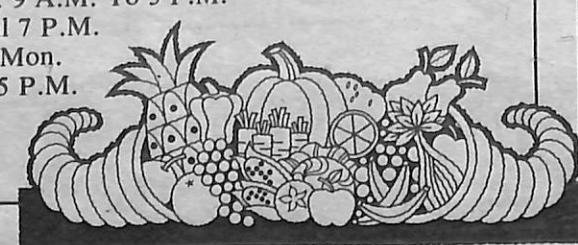
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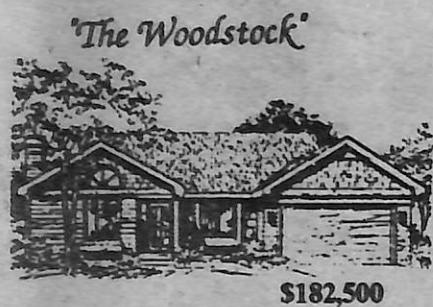


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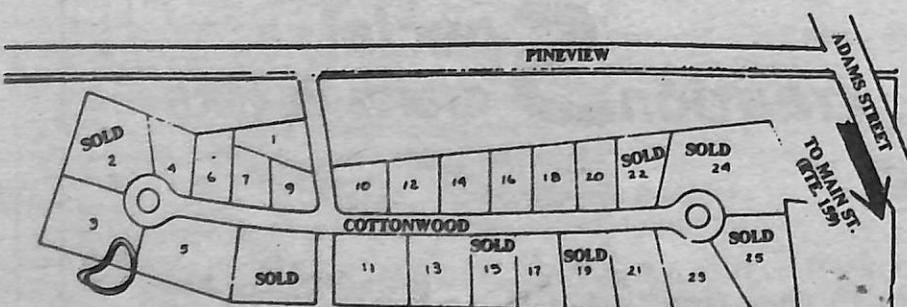
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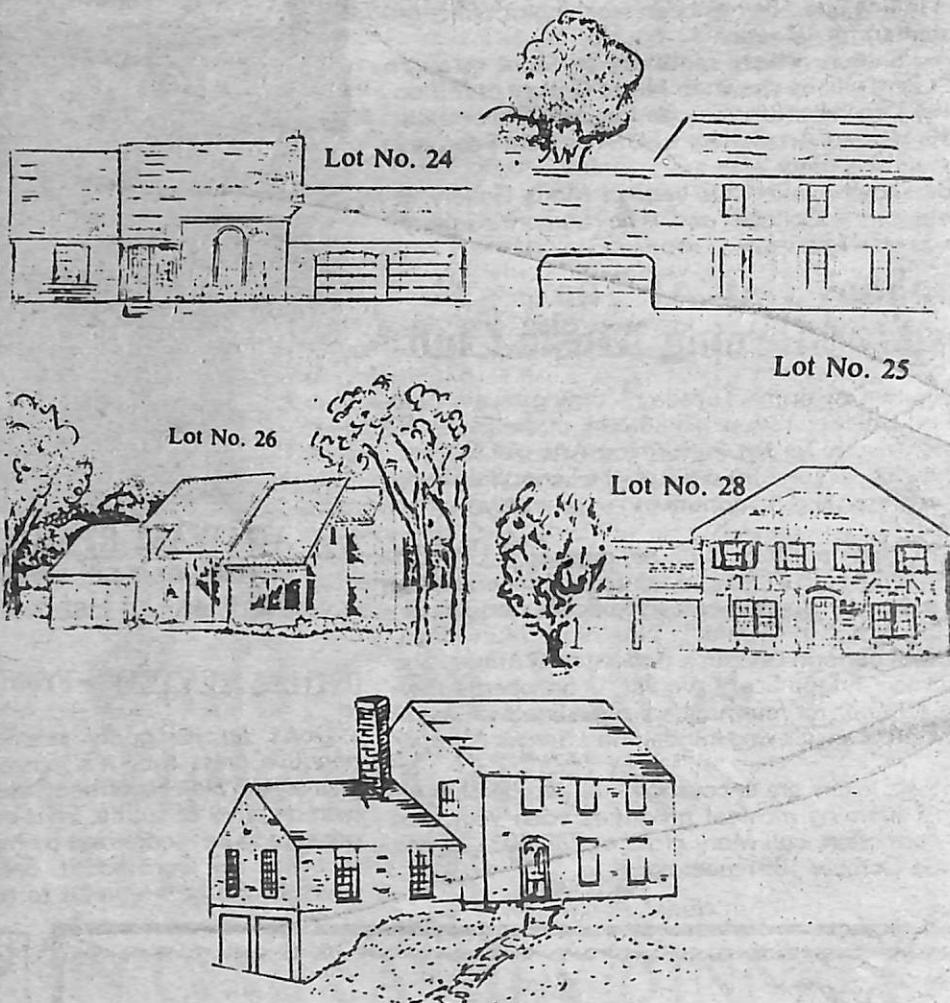
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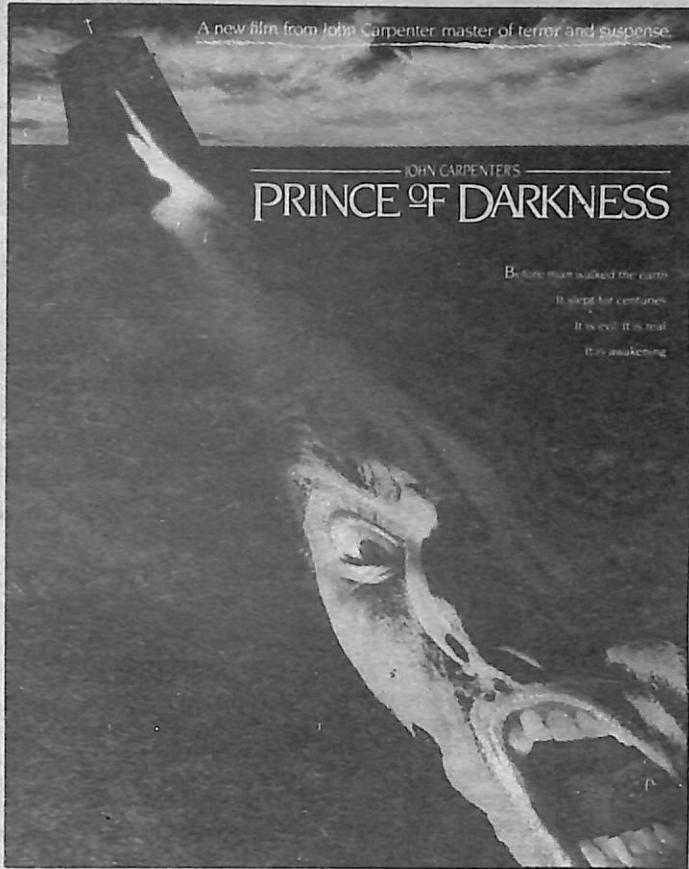
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Ag. Repertory Theatre Excited About New Home At Big E

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

For nearly two decades, the Moses Theater on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition was the home of a professional theatre organization by the name of StageWest. But now, the West Springfield locale has a new occupant, the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART), which hopes to meet with the same kind of success that helped StageWest to flourish and develop a well-known and well-respected reputation.

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Since the spring of 1985, ART has staged seven productions in the downstairs Winthrop Room of the Parwick Centre on Memorial Drive in Chicopee. However, according to the group's current vice-president, Westfield resident Cil Long, that 120-seat facility eventually became unsuitable for ART's needs.

"The Parwick was, and continues to be, an eye-appealing and elegant location. Our patrons could have dinner on the first-floor restaurant before attending our shows, and then have cocktails in the Winthrop Room before, during intermission, or after the performance," she said.

"On the other hand," Ms. Long added, "the Winthrop Room itself is not especially conducive to a theatre company such as ART that likes to produce different kinds of shows. The ceiling is much too low, tall actors would feel claustrophobic on the set, and the stage is not 100-percent visible from all areas of the room."

"In other words, the Parwick restricted us when it came to picking plays for future productions. Technically complex shows were definitely out, and thus, we ended up doing productions that were 'static' as far as the sets were concerned."

Fortunately, things were to change for the better for ART. When it decided to leave the Parwick Centre and look for a new home after last spring's production of *See How They Run*, ART eventually found what it was looking for on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield — namely, the Moses Theater on the site of the annual "Big E."

"Just about everyone in this area knows that the Moses Theater had housed StageWest since that organization's inception in the mid 1960's, and local playgoers have many fond memories of the productions that StageWest did in West Springfield," said Ms. Long.

"Moreover, ever since StageWest moved to downtown Springfield early in 1984, the administration of the Eastern States Exposition has wanted some 'new blood' to continue the tradition of theatre in the Moses building, and this is especially true of Susan Lavoie, who rents the Expo's various buildings throughout the year and is, herself, a fan of community theatre."

"With her help," stated Ms. Long, "the people in charge of the Expo site are getting what they want, and ART is getting the same."

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Although it has been "theatrically dormant" for almost five years, the Moses Theater will soon come to life with ART's current production of Peter Colley's *I'll Be Back Before Midnight!*, a ghostly thriller which simultaneously features the eerie elements of an Agatha Christie mystery and the wry wit of an Alfred Hitchcock film. Directed by Arnold Woods, a long-standing member of ART and one of its most familiar performers, the production is made up of four cast members, one of whom happens to be Agawam resident Laura Lezon-Scantlen, a seasoned actress who has performed in a variety of shows for both ART and a number of other community theatre groups, including the Encore Players and ANTA (American National Theatre and Academy).

I'll Be Back Before Midnight!, which opens on Thursday, October 13th, is "the sort of play that will delight our present patrons and could probably earn us some new ones," said Ms. Long. "It is, without a doubt, one of the most technically sophisticated and impressive productions that ART has ever done."

She added, "The show is replete with special effects and other 'goodies' that will be remembered for a long time. On a typical ART play, there is usually one person who serves as the producer. On *I'll Be Back Before Midnight!*, however, ART's entire board of directors is serving as THE producer of the play and, thus, is fulfilling an array of duties."



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THE MOSES THEATER on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition is the new home of the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"For example, one of our seven directors, Jeanne Sanchas — the chairperson of the reading committee that selects our future plays — is responsible for the production's elaborate special effects. And, as a member of the board myself, I'm handling the publicity for this show, such as press releases to the different newspapers in the area, the program for the show, and helping to create the 'marquee' at the Moses Theater."

"Going back to the topic of the theater itself once again, I can't stress the importance of the relationship between this building and our current production," emphasized Ms. Long. "We could never have done this play at the Parwick Centre in Chicopee, and the inherently theatrical atmosphere of this locale has enhanced the spirit of everyone who's involved with this show."

"Additionally, our group is so enthusiastic about *I'll Be Back Before Midnight!*, that some of its members have elected to do a 'publicity stunt' of sorts. On two upcoming Saturdays, October 8th and 15th, they'll be wearing Halloween costumes and will pass out pamphlets on this production at two West Springfield locations: the Century Shopping Center on Memorial Avenue, and the still-new Riverdale Street shops across from the Showcase Cinemas on Route 5."

"With this kind of 'live promotion' for *I'll Be Back Before Midnight!*, chances are good that we'll be able to attract some potential playgoers who haven't heard of our production or who knew of our show but hadn't thought about going to see it," said Ms. Long.

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Following *I'll Be Back Before Midnight!*, ART is scheduled to stage two more shows in the Moses Theater: a female version of Neil Simon's classic comedy, *The Odd Couple*; and *Subject to Change*, a farce that resembles the popular NBC sitcom *The Golden*

Girls.

After that, said Ms. Long, ART's future is a bit uncertain. "While our previous location at the Parwick Centre held seating for 120 people, the auditorium of the Moses Theater holds 270 seats; therefore it is perfectly clear that ART can certainly use all the public support it can get."

"You see," she stated, "while our group was more than ecstatic about moving our production to our new home, we also realized that a bigger building would lead to bigger shows, and consequently, bigger expenses for ART. As a result, we want to desperately increase our patronage so that we can continue to use the Moses Theater as a financially viable site for future shows."

Being a former Agawam resident herself, Ms. Long is aware of the importance of having this particular community theatre company "closer to home." "Throughout its 12 years of existence, ART has had — for one reason or another — a nomadic existence. With the exception of our three-year stay at the Parwick Centre in Chicopee, we've never stayed in one place for very long, and this continual moving around has, admittedly, hindered the group's overall efforts over the years."

"Yet now," she said, "ART has the chance to make a permanent residence for itself that's practically 'next-door' to Agawam, and the consistency that would arise from having such a nearby and established residence would undoubtedly be a benefit for both the group and the town that it represents."

*PUBLISHER'S NOTE: ART's production of *I'll Be Back Before Midnight!* runs on two consecutive Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.: October 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. General admission seats are \$6 each. For ticket reservations and/or information on group rates, call 593-6522.

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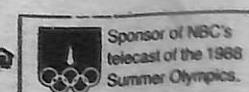


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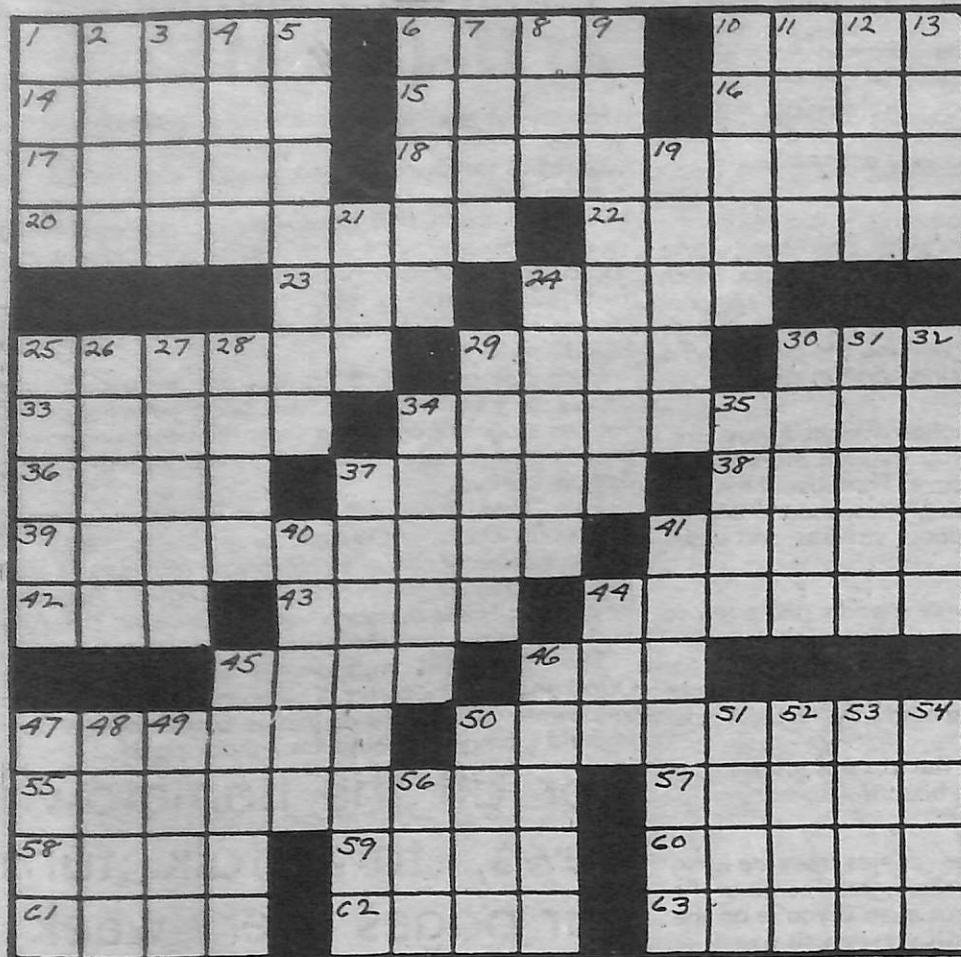
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- by Dick Mastroianni



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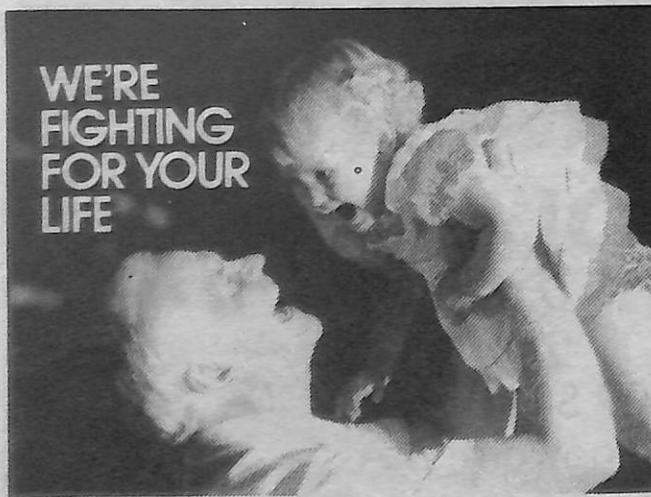
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**To Go Or Not To Go??
I Went To Barbados!**

There were forecasts of "Hurricane Helene" brewing in the Caribbean and the reports were that she was headed for Barbados. I had reservations to leave for Barbados September 22nd and had to make a decision on whether or not to cancel.

Because the storm was still 1,500 miles away from the island and the possibility was strong that it could change direction or wither, I decided to go anyway. I'm glad I did. The weather was hot and sunny—perfect for three days at the beach.

My departure was from New York, so I drove to Hartford at 4:00 a.m., to catch the Connecticut Limo Service to John F. Kennedy. The "Limo" turned out to be a "Bus," and my traveling companion did not appreciate it so early in the morning. Flights on American Airlines—the "on-time" machine—as they call themselves, were just that. We departed from the gate promptly at 9:30 a.m. (as scheduled), and as we did we saw the Concorde take off on the next runway. It was quite a sight!

This was my first trip to Barbados and I think I tried to see too much in such a short period of time. If I were to go again for just a weekend, I think I would stay put

and just relax.

My hotel for three nights was the Divi St. James on the west coast of the island. The hotel is located on a nice stretch of beach and the accommodations and restaurant at the hotel were good. A nice feature of the hotel was the free watersports—water skiing, windsurfing, and catamaran sailboat. I went for a sail on the catamaran and found it was very enjoyable.

One of the biggest island attractions is a sail on the "Jolly Roger." The cruise includes open bar (with a rum punch that really packs a "punch"), buffet lunch (with a choice of steak or flying fish—their national dish), rope swinging lessons (one day I'll get up enough courage), music, snorkeling, walking the plank, and a pirate wedding. What a relaxing and fun day!

Another sightseeing attraction I visited was Harrison's Cave. A tram takes you through the subterranean stream passages of the cave. Throughout the mile long trip, stalactites and stalagmites abound and indirect lighting highlights the pools, streams, and waterfalls. Worth seeing!

The people of the island were friendly and eager to help. I had one bad experience with a taxi driver regarding a rate we negotiated on a tour. It was my fault for not reconfirming the rate when I requested a slight detour. I learned my lesson the hard way. I'll be sharper next time.

The most enjoyable part of the trip was just relaxing on the beach and watching a beautiful sunset.

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Each one of the Crafters will present a particular aspect of their work, and will bring samples of the various stages of a craft to show the beginning-to-end process. All questions are encouraged during demonstrations.

This "Made By Hand" program is free and open to the public. Donations are encouraged.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

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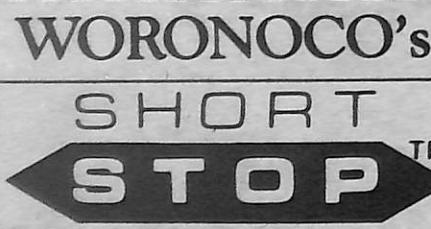
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Education

While Construction Is Causing Some Problems At Middle School, Classes Running Smoothly

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Renovations at Agawam Middle School have given rise to some questions by parents concerning their children's welfare.

Undoubtedly, parents visiting the Middle School last Tuesday evening for Open House were disturbed to see exposed electric cables (not live) and huge unfinished air ducts as they explored the building.

In actuality, these visible obstructions are only a source of inconvenience and present no real hazards to the children. The true dangers, asbestos and a weakened gym floor, had already been removed prior to the onset of this new school year.

Principal Ralph Zavarella said, "Last school year the small gym floor was replaced because of damage from the roof leakage through funding by the town. This was not part of the renovations."

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The first phase of renovations to the Middle School is part of the Agawam School Committee's subcommittee's Enrollment Study report that was bonded by the Town Council in December, 1986. Town Council then approved \$1.1 million for remodeling and reconstruction to the building.

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, at that time, said, "The Middle School is an integral part of the long-range education needs of the town." The 65 year-old building's projected life span was an additional 75 years if repairs were instituted, officials said in 1986.

In July 1988, a subsequent \$2.6 million was appropriated, in addition to the original amount by Town Council (beyond the remodeling and reconstruction) for making extra-ordinary repairs, primarily to provide access to handicapped individuals, in accordance with Massachusetts and federal statutes.

Bruno said, "Tony Albro (Building Maintenance Department) and his maintenance crew did a marvelous job getting that building ready for school. The cost to install an elevator last spring was about \$200,000. The asbestos removal, which cost \$100,000, was the first thing done this summer.

"Several air-quality tests, at least three, had to be conducted upon completion to assure us there was no asbestos in the air before plumbers and electricians

Gridiron Moms Sponsor Pancake Breakfast

The Agawam Gridiron Moms will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast to benefit the football team's scholarship fund. It will be held at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria on Sunday, October 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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could get into the building. The air has been certified 'clean,' but we lost some time waiting for these tests," he added.

When asked about the ongoing construction, Zavarella said, "The building will have a completely new electrical system, ventilation ducts, and an entirely new circulating hot water system. Lowered ceilings and new windows will be installed. The present library will become two additional classrooms and the library will be moved downstairs."

He also noted, "At present the majority of the work is in the basement boiler room. That hallway is blocked off. At this age the children are not taken under supervision to the next class. Even if construction was not underway, this is always true. Gym, music, and art classes are in the basement."

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The contractors are also repainting the brick around the entire exterior of the building from the window level down. Zavarella said, "They are making every effort to be considerate of our needs and are very sensitive to the needs of the students. They start at 7:00 a.m. and try to get the bulk of the noisy work started before school commences. The general contractor, I know, has done school renovation before, so they are very concerned about the health and safety of all occupants. They are acutely aware of the liabilities."

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At the Junior High School the town Maintenance Department made some "minor adjustments to the heating and ventilation system from the roof" to eliminate complaints of cold classrooms, according to Bruno.

A high iron level in the tap water there when heated produced a discoloration of the water. Bruno said, "Special filters will be applied to the system to alleviate the tinge."

In response to concerns about the water from parents, he said, "In the spring all of the water coolers were tested and found to be in proper order by the Health Department. Just to go a step further, we are going to test the water again. It's an ongoing process," Bruno noted.

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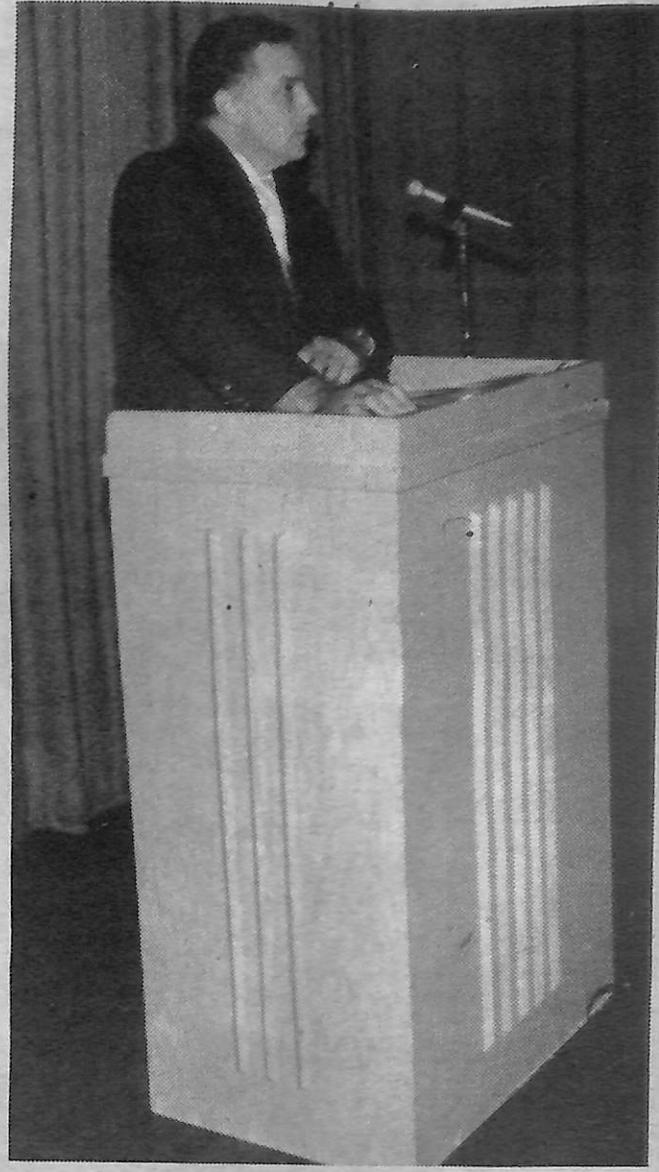


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MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS Thomas Dacey and Ellen Freeman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Cub Scout Pack 89 To Hold 'Last Chance' Registration

Cub Pack 89 in Feeding Hills will be holding a "last chance" registration for boys who are still interested in joining the scouting program. A short informational meeting along with registration will be held on Friday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. For more information please call Jeff Nolin at 786-8061.

Ag. Middle School Guidance News

by Ellen Freeman & Thomas Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselors

The Middle School guidance counselors are presently in the process of instructing the fifth and sixth grade students in study skills. These consist of tips and techniques for improving school performance.

For example, the students are being urged to keep a notebook to jot down assignments, to set aside a particular time period to complete their homework, and to have a quiet place in which to study.

As the fifth grade counselor visits each class, the students are being given two booklets. One called *How To Study* describes various study skills which would improve academic success.

The other booklet is called *The Elementary School Counselor* and points out the many ways in which the guidance counselor can be of service to the students, parents, and teachers.

After reading these booklets, the students have been asked to bring them home. The counselors urge parents to read these booklets themselves in order to be of help to their children in acquiring valuable study skills and to understand how the counselors can be of help to both them and their children.

Sixth grade students received the same booklets last year. The sixth grade counselor will be reviewing the booklets with each sixth grade class.

The counselors suggest that the parents of fifth and sixth graders keep in contact with the school. The counselors welcome calls from parents about any concerns they may have or merely to check on progress. Warning slips for poor marks will be sent home by way of the students on or about October 14th.

The counselors strongly request that parents call the guidance office if their child receives a warning.

First Meeting Of AHS PTSO Slated For October 13th

The first fall meeting of the Agawam High School Parents, Teachers, and Students (P.T.S.O.) will meet on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Principal David Bates will speak on the high school attendance policy.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, October 10th: Columbus Day, no school.

Tuesday, October 11th: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and creamy Italian dressing, spiced applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, October 12th: Hamburg in buttered roll, steamed rice, buttered broccoli, fruit cup or peanut butter cookies, milk.

Thursday, October 13th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, buttered carrots, whipped potatoes, wheat bread and butter, raisin and rice pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, October 14th: Cup of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips or peanut butter sandwich, oven french fries, fruit cup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

AHS Marching Band Sets Paper Drive Oct. 8

This is the weekend for the Fall Paper Drive of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawk Band. It will be held Saturday, October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the high school parking lot.

There is still time to call to be put on a list for pickup of large quantities of paper. Call either 789-0348 or 789-0015.

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THE SNARE DRUM SECTION of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks - Craig Leper, Brett Graveline, and Jerry Catania. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Band 1st At Foliage Parade

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawk Band and Color Guard took the top award in last Sunday's Fall Foliage Parade at North Adams.

In addition to taking first place in Division B (bands with less than 60 musicians), the group also took the "Flaming Leaves" trophy which goes to the band receiving the highest score, regardless of size. It marks the first time that a band from the smaller division has taken this award.

Among the 10 bands in Division B, the following awards were given: first place, Agawam High School, 90.66; second place, Johnstown, New York, 88.00; third place, Drury High School, 84.66; and fourth place, Pittsfield High School, 78.00.

In Division A (bands with over 60 musicians), first place was awarded to Ichabod Crane High School, New York State; second place, Mohonasen High School, Rotterdam, New York; third place, Berne-Knox-Westerlo (New York); and fourth place, Middleburgh High School, also from New York State.

This year also marks only the second time in 10 years that the "Flaming Leaves" trophy has been kept in Massachusetts. In 1978 and 1979 it was won by East Lyme, Connecticut; in 1980, Somerset High School (Massachusetts); 1981 and 1982, Trumbull High School, Connecticut; in 1983 and 1984, Bloomfield High School, Connecticut; and 1985 and 1986, Mohonasen, New York.

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If you would like to add your personal support, why not consider becoming a foster parent to a child in your home town. Help to keep children in their own communities!

For information about foster parenting contact The Department of Social Services, Westfield Area Office, 562-9681, Family Resource Unit.



THE BASS DRUM SECTION of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks are pictured performing at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. From left - Kurt Schouse, Jon Hamel, Michael Ciborowski, and Brian Kokofsky. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH HONOR GUARD - from left - Sherri Cheatham, Karen Schneider, Dawn Pliska, Jennifer Pisano, Amy Tyrell, Liz Krajewski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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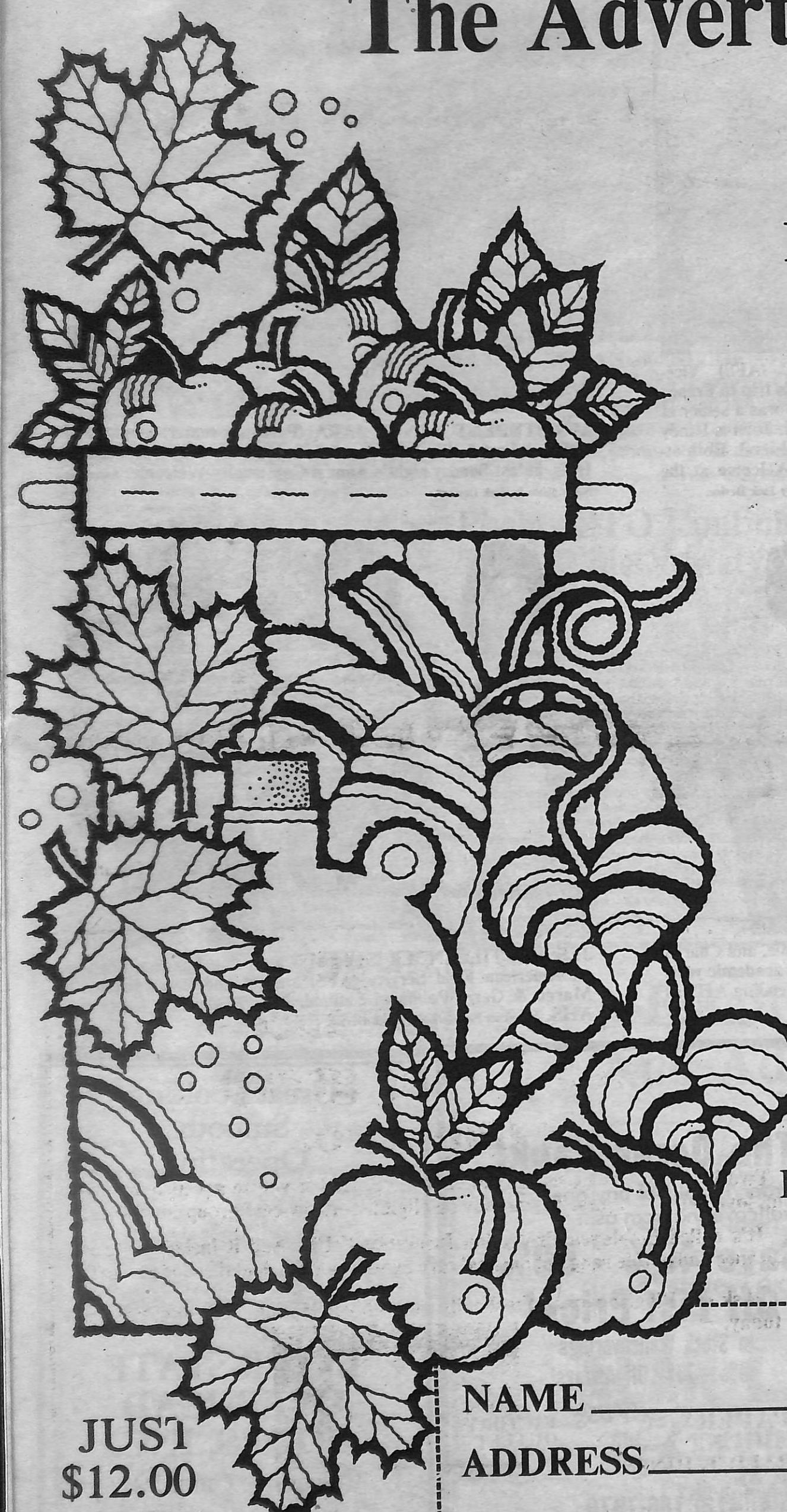


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AFS "Family" Gathers At Leonard House



AGAWAM AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE (AFS) Vice-President John Bryant of Feeding Hills explains his trip to France this past summer to visit his former AFS son, who was a senior at Agawam High School five years ago. Pictured with John is Sandy Bryant, who is involved with AFS on the regional level. Both attended last Sunday night's Annual Community Welcome at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AFS STUDENT NANCY JARA (Paraguay-center) is pictured with her host family - Judy and Elizabeth Llewellyn of Feeding Hills, at last Sunday night's Annual Community Welcome. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

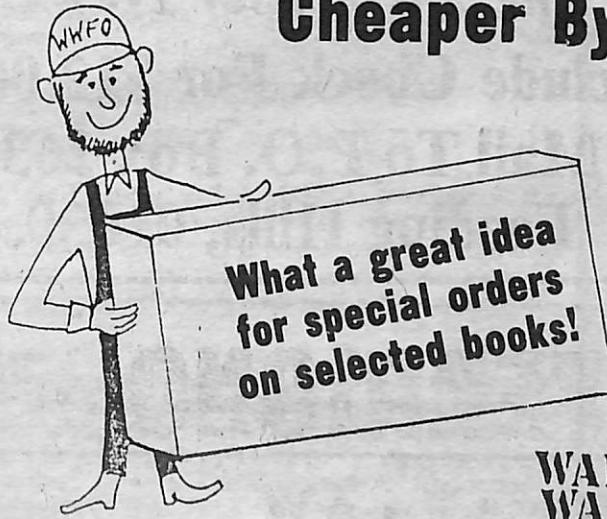


THE MILLER FAMILY of Agawam, Corinne, Dale, and Charlie are hosting Aylin Pervane (Turkey) for the 1988-89 academic year. Aylin is a senior at Agawam High School and is attending AHS as an American Field Service (AFS) student.



JESSIKA TILLANDER (Sweden) is attending Agawam High as an American Field Service (AFS) student and is residing with Margo & Gerry Poulin of Suffield. Mrs. Poulin is a teacher at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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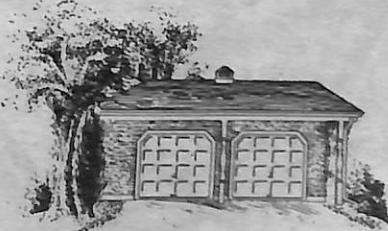
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AFS Exchange Students At AHS Enjoying America

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday, September 27th, the School Committee formally met the three foreign exchange students at Agawam High School through American Field Service (AFS) Student Advisor Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan.

This year, as was the case in the 1987-88 academic year, AFS has three female students from around the world attending AHS as seniors. Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan said, "Each of the girls are out in various sectors of the school because they are all taking very different courses."

Jessika Tillander of Sweden is 17 years-old and came to the United States in August. She is living in Suffield with her host-parents Gerry & Marlo Poulin. She said, "I really like Suffield. The city I am from in Sweden has a population of about 120,000 people. Suffield is nice." Mrs. Poulin is an English teacher at AHS.

Jessika speaks English very well. She also speaks her native tongue, Swedish, and is fluent in French. She understands German but said she does not speak it that well.

Seventeen-year-old Nancy Jara from Paraguay is taking language courses at AHS. She speaks Portuguese and Spanish fluently, but plans to improve her English while spending this year in the United States.

She is a charming young lady with a bubbling personality that bursts forward when her friend and advisor Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan relates to her in Spanish. She said, "It is difficult to talk with everyone because my English must improve."

Nancy has one semester of high school to finish when she returns to Paraguay next year. She is not sure what she will specialize in after that is completed. She is spending this year with her host sisters, Judy and Anne Llewellyn, and host mother, Ms. Elizabeth Llewellyn of Feeding Hills.

The third AFS student at AHS is Aylin Pervane of Izmir, Turkey. She told the School Committee her home-city houses about four million people. Also 17, Aylin said, "I will be an industrial engineer in Turkey." She will attend college when she returns to Turkey next fall. She told us there are only 11 grades in Turkey for school and that everything at AHS seemed "easy," so far.

Aylin is enrolled in computer courses at AHS and she said, "I take calculus course and it is too easy."

The other two students seemed to be in agreement with Aylin that the courses offered at our high school were not difficult as back home.

Jessika commented that there was a lot of homework, however, and that in Sweden they did not have each subject every day. "It is more like your colleges in our high schools," she said.

Aylin speaks English well and presents herself as a very confident, intelligent, and inquisitive young lady. She said that her host family is "very familiar with what to do for me" because they have hosted two AFS exchange students before her. Aylin's host parents, Charles & Dale Miller of Agawam, have had a student from South Africa and Sweden previously live with them while attending AHS.

Jessika, Nancy, and Aylin all agreed that America was "pretty much what they had expected and were told." Each was a little apprehensive about the foods, specifying, "not enough vegetables," "too much fish," or "so many fast foods and junk" and what would happen to their weight while here.

Yet all three quickly agreed to ice cream at Friendly's Restaurant after the School Committee meeting when it was suggested by Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan.



AFS EXCHANGE STUDENTS Jessika Tillander (Sweden), Nancy Jara (Paraguay), and Aylin Pervane (Turkey) are pictured with School Committee Chairwoman Rosemary Sandlin (also representing State Senator Linda Melconian as her administrative assistant), and State Representative Michael P. Walsh at the Annual AFS Community Welcome at the Captain Charles Leonard House last Sunday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Phelps PTO Continues To Assist School Thru Wide Variety Of Activities

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Last spring the Phelps Elementary School PTO held a candy sale fundraiser earmarked for playground equipment. PTO President Louise Abdow organized the committee and worked on the project over the summer.

When Phelps students returned to school this fall, they found a fun-filled array of new playground equipment awaiting them. Over the summer the town installed the colorful and new equipment made from durable, synthetic materials.

"The town put sand and landscaping timbers around the base of the new multiple unit of 10 swings, the funnel ball, and the curved slide. They also removed some broken teeter-totters and other dangerous equipment," said PTO member Vicki Alfano.

"The PTO would like to say thanks to the Town for their quick and efficient installation of the new equipment over the summer. We would also like to thank the many parents for their help in the fundraiser," she said.

Parents are cordially invited to "come on down to take a look at what your work accomplished for the children," Mrs. Alfano said. Many parents have already been exposed to the new playground through soccer practices and games which they attend at Phelps School.

If you would like to see and visit the new area, you may wish to make the visit a two-fold experience by attending the first PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th, at 7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Meteorologist Steve Caporizzo, from TV-22 and an WHYN F.M. radio station weatherman, will be the guest speaker.

"Steve is said to have a great sense of humor," said Mrs. Alfano. "We are trying to set up times for him to come in and talk with our third and fourth grades sometime in the near future, too."

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Granger School PTO Opens New Year With Intro Of Officers

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Granger Elementary School PTO held its first general meeting on Tuesday, September 27th, at 8:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria. New officers for the 1988-89 school year were introduced to the 40 teachers and parents in attendance.

President Alma Benton said that the PTO would have "another Holiday Party at the Junior High School this year on December 14th. Santa will visit families while they enjoy holiday cookies and receive donated games in the cafeteria; and there will be entertainment in the auditorium," she said.

"The first project under Adelphi is a family trip to the Ice Capades. The PTO voted to underwrite some of the ticket group price and we have had 219 requests for these tickets. It was very well-received," Benton said.

Principal James Loomis greeted parents and teachers and briefly explained the necessity of some of the paperwork, school pictures, and third-grade basic skills testing (in October) that occurred at the onset of the new school year.

He said, "School must be organized and, thus, we have a lot of informational paperwork that goes home at the beginning of the year. It will taper off quickly. Please feel free to call me at school anytime you may have a question or concern anytime throughout the year."

Many of the teaching staff were present and there was a coffee break before Phyllis Lewis, a first grade and enrichment program teacher, and Mary O'Keefe, a third grade instructor, were introduced as the guest speakers for the evening.

Mrs. Lewis began by telling parents, "Reading and math are probably the most important things in first grade. Then we have to fit in all the rest of those things like penmanship, which is mundane. Spelling will start with sounds and letters. They will feel like 'big guys' when they have to take home their word lists for spelling. It's all part of building confidence. They will, by the end of the year, have a very extensive vocabulary. They learn everything in reading through phonics."

She added, "They get a great joy out of learning how to read. Take the children to the library and let them get their own library card if they can print their names."

Mrs. Lewis reassured parents not to be too concerned if their child does not seem to "get something because every single phonetic principle is reviewed 13 times through this system."

Mrs. Lewis also talked about social studies, science, language, art, music, P.E., and health, which would overlap social studies. She warned parents, "They come home crying when we do clocks and money."

At the second grade level, she told parents that an introduction to some individual work, "S.R.A. and Lunchbox" will occur. Through her discussion, parents began to see the repetition of material in most subjects. She explained, "You can see everything builds; we hone the skills."

Mrs. O'Keefe spoke on the third and fourth grade expectations. She said, "We have sent letters home to the parents telling them what we will be covering this year. We hope to add manners and good citizenship to the list of healthy, happy, and well-rested children who practice the Golden Rule."

Nursery School Pays Visit To Cincotta Farms



THE NURSERY SCHOOL AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH paid a visit to Cincotta Farms on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, earlier this week. The kids were fascinated by the huge pumpkin display found at the popular farm stand.

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Agawam High AFS Club Planning Big Year Of Activities With Foreign Students

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The American Field Service Club (AFS) at Agawam High School currently has 35 members. The student club officers are President, Chris Harmon; Vice-President, Judy Llewellyn; Secretary/Treasurer, Hans Mueller; Officer-at-Large, Chris Trinchini; and Tara Walsh, the student representative to the AFS Community Chapter.

AHS faculty member Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan has been the advisor of the club for the last two years. She coordinates the activities between the Community Chapter and student groups.

She said, "The purpose of the club is twofold: It acts as a social support system to the AFS students we have here; and it is an eye-opening experience for AHS students in the club and other students at school to meet with the exchange students."

AFS plans to have one activity per month this year. They conducted their only fundraiser in September. The Community Chapter parked cars at the Middle School for the Big E. Monies that the Chapter raise subsidize local students that want to travel abroad and helps to underwrite the AFS exchange students' miscellaneous expenses while here, for sports, music, or even the prom.

Mary Constant will speak on October 19th, at 6:30 p.m., at AHS, Room 46, to any AHS student interested in studying abroad. She will be attending an after-school students' meeting October 12th to speak about travel as an informational activity as well. She is an AFS regional staff representative, and adults and

students are welcome to attend both meetings.

The AFS at AHS is planning a Halloween Weekend from October 27th to 30th. "We will be open to AHS students for the dance. We will invite Northern Connecticut and Western Mass. AFS students and their host brothers and sisters to our school to visit classes for the day. We will also have a brunch," said Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan.

"We are coordinating this with Suffield High School's AFS activity club as a new idea this year," she said. "The exchange students will be hosted in the homes of our AFS students. It is a great experience to host someone for four days."

In November, AFS will work on a community service project. There will be a day bus trip to New York City to see Rockefeller's Center and the Christmas decorations in December.

In January AFS students from Agawam High's club will go to another AFS community to be hosted in those students' homes, and attend another high school for a day or two. "It's a mini-experience for them; to live under someone else's roof," Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan said.

"The adult board is talking about having a dinner for the AFS student club to socialize together. Also, AFS is planning to be a significant part of Foreign Language Week at AHS the first week in March," she said.

The AFS Club is certainly the outside activity for AHS students if they enjoy socialization, activity, new experiences and travel!

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AHS Continues To Prepare For NEASC Evaluation

Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

"In June the Agawam High School Steering Committee finished the self-study in the learning (subject) areas and standards of membership areas," said Assistant Principal Mary M. Charest. She was appointed chairwoman of this committee last year.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) requires evaluation in the areas of curriculum, student services, educational media services, staff and administration, school facilities, community support and involvement, school atmosphere, pupil performance, and philosophy.

"Over the summer everything was typed, copies were made and reports were sent to members of the visiting committee and NEASC," Charest said.

"Now we are preparing for Sunday, October 23rd, when we will begin meeting with School Committee members and members of the NEASC Philosophy, School, and Community Committees. There will be a banquet hosting the visiting committees at Chez Josef," said Charest.

"On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week, the visiting committees will go over absolutely everything. They will go into the classrooms, not to evaluate the teachers, but to look at the facility and evaluate the curriculum," she said.

"They also want to meet with parents on Monday and Tuesday," Mrs. Charest added. She asked that parents of any current students who can volunteer several hours in the morning to come in and just talk informally with the committee to please give her a call at AHS to let her know that you will be there.

Rep. Walsh Announces Financial Aid Booklets Available

State Representative Michael P. Walsh, D-Agawam, has announced that the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts has recently published their 1989 handbook on college financial aid.

The Association has asked Representative Walsh to make this handbook available to all parents and students so that they will know about the variety of financial aid programs that are available to help them pay for college. The Association said they hope this information will encourage financially-needy students to consider college, particularly those students who might otherwise not have applied.

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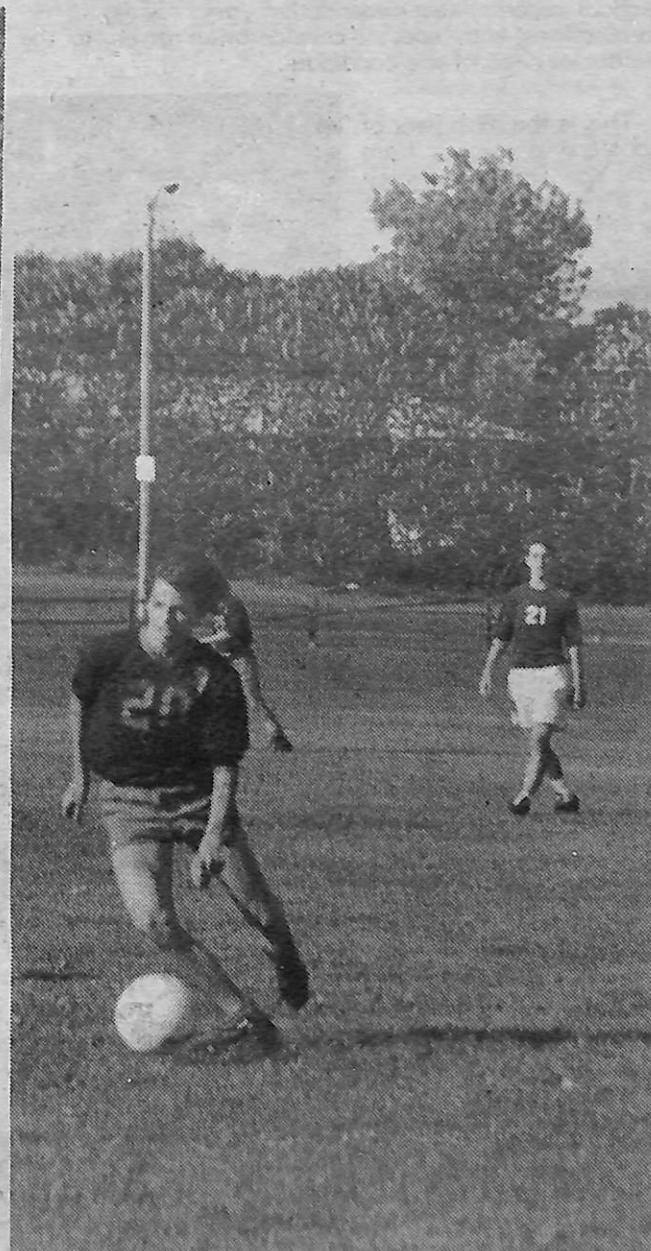
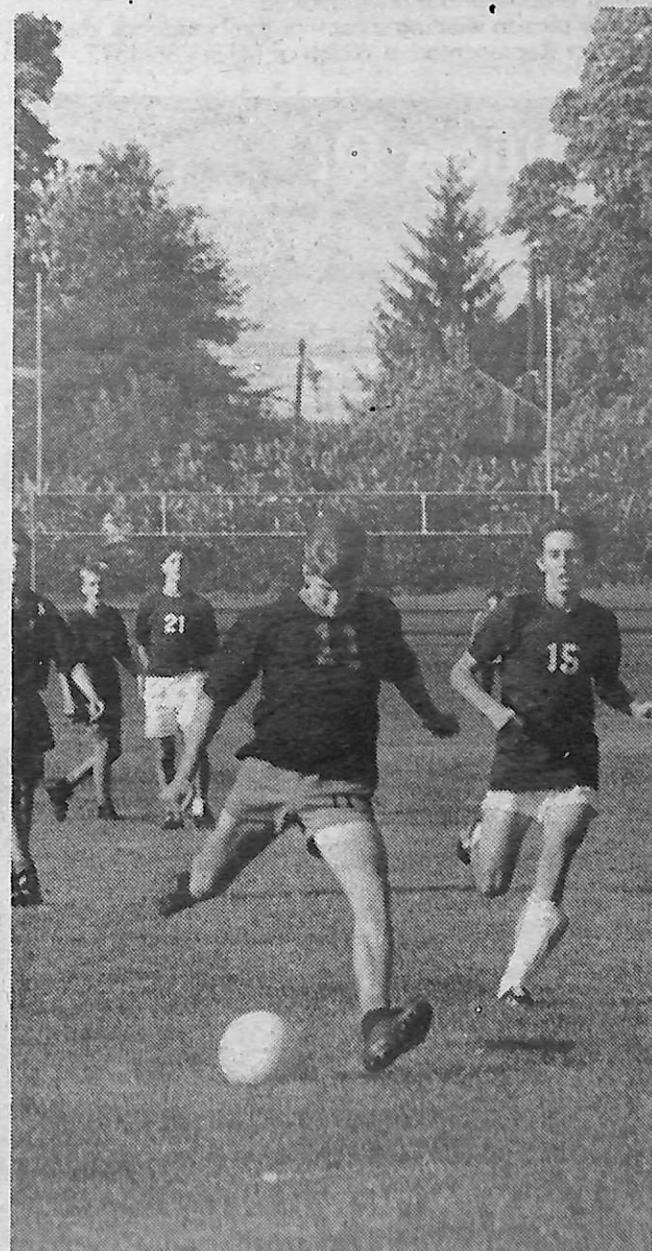
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IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam Junior High soccer striker Craig Waryasz moves in on goal before unleashing a blast in first half action; in photo right, striker Mike Bryant dribbles the ball upfield before making a feed into the goalmouth. Advertiser News

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Votzakis, Defense Carry Torch As AHS Goes To 3-0

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Two third quarter touchdowns were all the Agawam High football Brownies needed to defeat a stubborn Holyoke' High contingent, Friday, September 30th, at MacKenzie Field.

Senior Jay Votzakis, starting at tailback for injured star Jason Wooley, rushed for 173 yards on 27 carries, to lead the undefeated Brownies to a 12-0 whitewash of the Purple Knights under the lights.

It was the second straight year the Brownies blanked Holyoke. In 1987 the locals shellacked the Purple Knights, 41-0, at Harmon Smith Field.

Prior to that, the Paper City contingent always played the Brownies tough, especially in the past 20 years.

Votzakis shared the spotlight with the Brownie defense which caused five turnovers. These miscues constantly interrupted any offensive flow the Purple Knights attempted to muster.

Four of those turnovers were interceptions, one of which was parlayed into a Votzakis touchdown on the next play from scrimmage in the third quarter.

Votzakis again proved that there's more than just Jason Wooley in the Brownies' running attack in 1988.

Entering the game coach Joe Modzelewski, who saw his team soar to 3-0 (Agawam has outscored its opponents 76-19 so far), expressed deep concern about the huge size of the Holyoke line.

However, the Brownies more than held their own in the trenches, especially new offensive tackle John Benjamin. He solidified the left side of the line in his first varsity start.

Modzelewski was using the Holyoke game as a measuring stick to project what's in store for his charges in 1988. He'll get a more definitive reading on Friday night when a much-improved and talented Central High of Springfield invades Harmon Smith Field for a night game.

Modzelewski released a huge sigh of relief following the game, and his flashing smile told how happy he was to leave the Paper City with a victory.

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Boutwell's Two Tallies Leads AHS Soccer Over Central, 4-1

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Senior Bryan Boutwell contributed two goals as the Agawam High boys' soccer team stopped Central High of Springfield, 4-1, Thursday, September 29th, under the lights at Harmon Smith Field.

While improving their record to 4-1-1, the Brownies played what coach Dick Cowles called "our best game of the season."

Chris LaPlante opened game-scoring on a pass from sophomore Todd Hyland with 37 minutes remaining in the first half. Boutwell upped the Brownies' lead to 2-0 when he booted a LaPlante feed into the Central cage late in the opening half.

Boutwell then used his head on a Jack Prendergast corner kick to make it 3-0 for the locals. Shifty Mike Wright salted this one away with the Brownies' fourth goal. Tim Burns got the scoring play started with a pass up the right side to Prendergast, who in turn found a streaking Wright up the middle.

Central's Dan Kelley ended the shutout bid of goalie Dave Poggi when he scored an unassisted tally with 13:31 remaining. Poggi finished his efforts with 11 saves.

"We passed very well tonight," said Cowles afterwards. "Our one and two touch-passing kept Central guessing. Since we don't have a dominant scorer this year, we must feed the open man."

At presstime the Brownies were slated to face Amherst, Wednesday, October 5th, and then Westfield, Thursday, October 6th. Both games are considered well within the reach of the Brownies.

The locals are off and running into the meat of the fall season next week. On Tuesday, October 11th, Chicopee Comp invades Harmon Smith Field with Division I scoring leader Dave Gerard.

Two days later, defending state Division I champ Cathedral (5-1-0 at presstime - they lost to Comp, 1-0), will battle Cowles' troops under the lights. Believe it. Cathedral always plays Agawam very tough on the soccer pitch.

Realizing that both Comp and Cathedral feature high-powered scoring attacks, Cowles said, "We've got to hold them down and not allow easy access to our goal. If we make the most of our opportunities to run plays from corner kicks and direct and indirect kicks, we'll do well."

Boutwell, one of the team's co-captains, says the keys to unlocking both Comp and Cathedral are "more hustle, lots of passing, and keeping our heads in the game. We've got an excellent chance against Comp, but Cathedral will be much tougher."

Co-captain Chad Alechny, an All-Western Mass. selection as a sophomore, agrees. "Man for man, Cathedral is more talented than Comp, but Comp still beat them so that says a lot. If we play like we can, I think we'll be alright."

Cowles says the 1988 Brownies have the right stuff "to go as far as we want. If this team is up for every game and gives a total effort that it can, we can beat anyone."

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Cosgrove's 4 Tallies Fuels Brownies' 11-0 Demolition Of Comp

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Sophomore striker Brie Cosgrove scored four goals and added an assist as the Agawam High girls' soccer team routed host Chicopee Comp, 11-0, Tuesday afternoon, October 4th.

The Brownies, the defending Western Mass. Division I and state co-champs, simply outclassed the Colts in every phase of the game on this cold, windy, and rainy day that seemed more suited for soccer in London than Chicopee.

Coach Bill O'Brien's team spent practically the entire game in the Comp end. The Brownies passed and moved the ball at will. The Brownies' trapping-style defense fueled the scoring binge against a team that really never had a chance.

Also, the Brownies again showed they have a large pool of players who can score or get involved in the offense.

In addition to Cosgrove's efforts, the Brownies received two goals each from Missy Desrosiers and sophomore Carrie Piccoli, while Karen Patterson, Jennifer Scaggs, and Sharon Phaneuf each added singletons.

O'Brien said the Brownies entered the Comp contest planning to concentrate on passing and ball control in preparation for a tough task on Thursday, October 6th, vs. 1986 Division I champs Ludlow.

The strategy obviously worked as Patterson (2), Cosgrove, Desrosiers, Scaggs, Kristin Wing, Kim Zielinski, Beth Whittaker, and Missy Brown were all credited with assists.

In a day off, Goalies Missy Danio and Kristin Wing were credited with the shutout.

But on Friday, September 30th, it was anything but a day off for Danio and the Brownies as the locals escaped the visiting Cathedral Panthers, 3-2, under the lights at Harmon Smith Field.

The Panthers, who came in undefeated and simply ready to play, proved to everyone who attended that they were not coming to lose.

The Brownies had taken a 2-1 lead when Brie Cosgrove guided the ball into the net on a feed from Cathy Scaggs. The locals' first goal came when Beth Whittaker found the net on an assist from Cosgrove.

After the Panthers scored midway through the second half to tie it at 2-2, Cathy Scaggs rescued the Brownies on a direct kick with 12:52 remaining.

Scaggs' wicked blast from about 30 yards out rebounded off the Cathedral goalie's chest and trickled into the net. The goalie made a great save on the drive but the velocity of the ball did not allow her to fully control it.

The pace of the game turned frantic the rest of the way, and Danio made one great save on a wild scramble for a loose ball with only a few minutes remaining.

FOOTBALL - From Page 46...

"It was a nice football game for us to win. I was really proud of the kids. I thought my coaching staff did an excellent job. This was no easy game for us."

The first half was a defensive struggle as neither team could score.

But after receiving the second half kickoff at the 31, Votzakis followed his offensive line down the field to the Holyoke 31 five plays later. He then bolted for a 29-yard run to give the Brownies a first and goal at the Holyoke 2-yard line.

Holyoke managed to thwart the first Agawam surge to the endzone on first down, but on the next play, strongman senior fullback Ken Blews bulled to paydirt for the game's first score. 6-0, Agawam.

Defensive back Mike Malanson intercepted a pass on the third play of Holyoke's next series. Malanson's 21-yard return put the ball on Holyoke's 24.

In the ensuing excitement, the Brownies caught Holyoke napping and Votzakis found a huge hole up the middle on the very next play. His 24-yard touchdown pretty much put the lid on this one.

The Brownie defense was led by defensive back Bob McNamee, who added two more interceptions to his team-leading total of four in three games. Junior Shawn Smith snagged another errant Holyoke toss.

Brownies' Gymnasts Look For First Win

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High girls' gymnastics team is continuing to improve and all indications point to the team heading for its first victory of the 1988 season.

The scores of the girls are getting better with every meet and the Brownies are gaining more experience and know-how as well.

On Tuesday, October 4th, the Brownies faced a sound Chicopee Comprehensive side that featured several experienced club gymnasts. The locals were on the short side of a 97.3 to 83.65 score.

Coach Laura Benoit said several performers should be noted for their efforts including sophomore Maria Losito. She was the team's high scorer with an all-around score of 25.65. Karen Hanson scored a 20.35 in her first all-around competition.

Jill Robb earned a 6.0 on the vault; Kristyne Wage tallied a 5.2 on the floor; and Nicole LaPalme canned a 6.75 on vault and 4.8 on beam.

On Friday, September 30th, the Brownies faced Gateway Regional and bowed, 93.25 to 87.6.

Maria Losito again top the Brownies in scoring with a 26.6 in the all-around. Her scores included 7.0 on the floor, 7.55 on vault, 6.9 on beam, and 5.15 on the uneven bars.

Other top scores included Michelle Willard, 5.95 on the beam; Karen Hanson, 6.35 floor; Elizabeth Korza, 6.15, floor; and freshmen Sue Lovely and Chris Hatzipetro, 4.2 on the beam and 4.3 on the floor, respectively.

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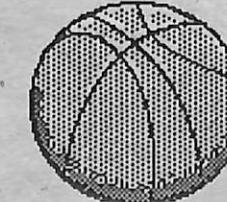
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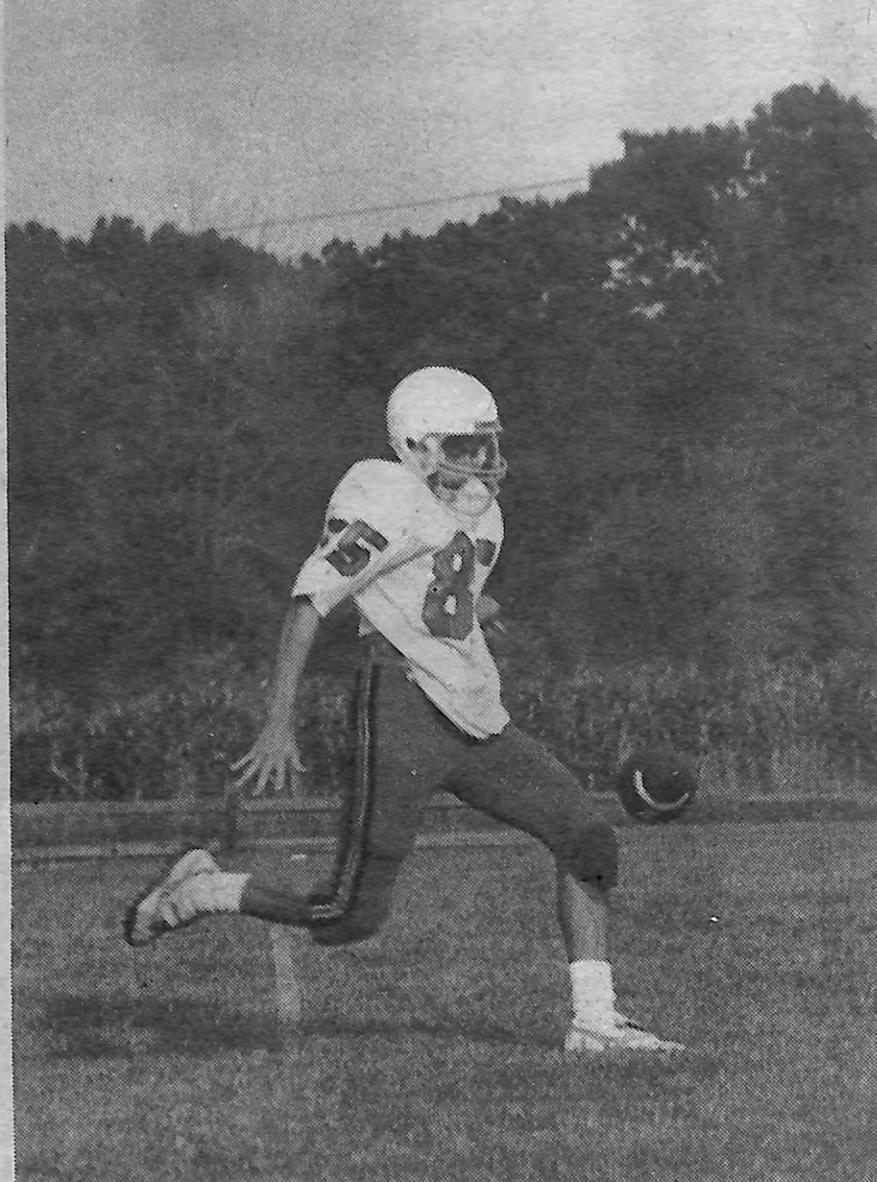
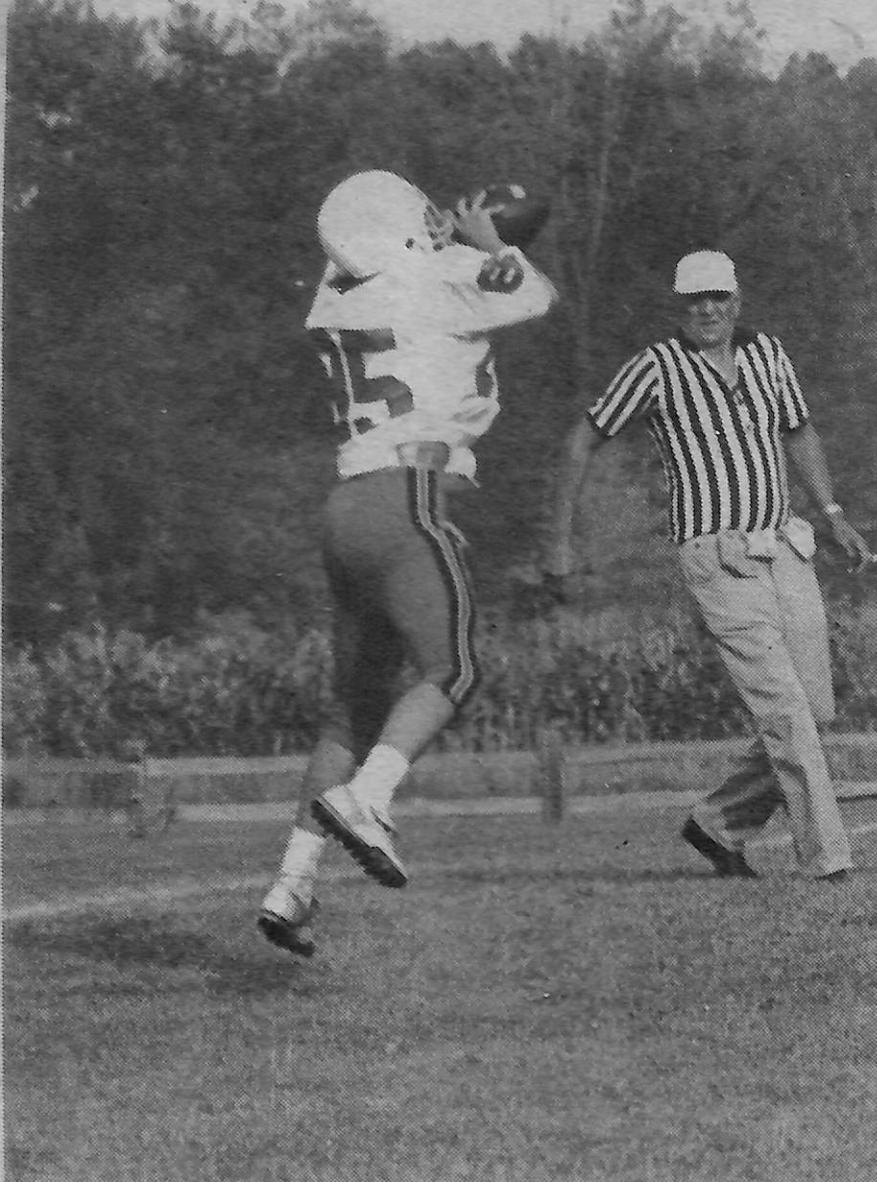
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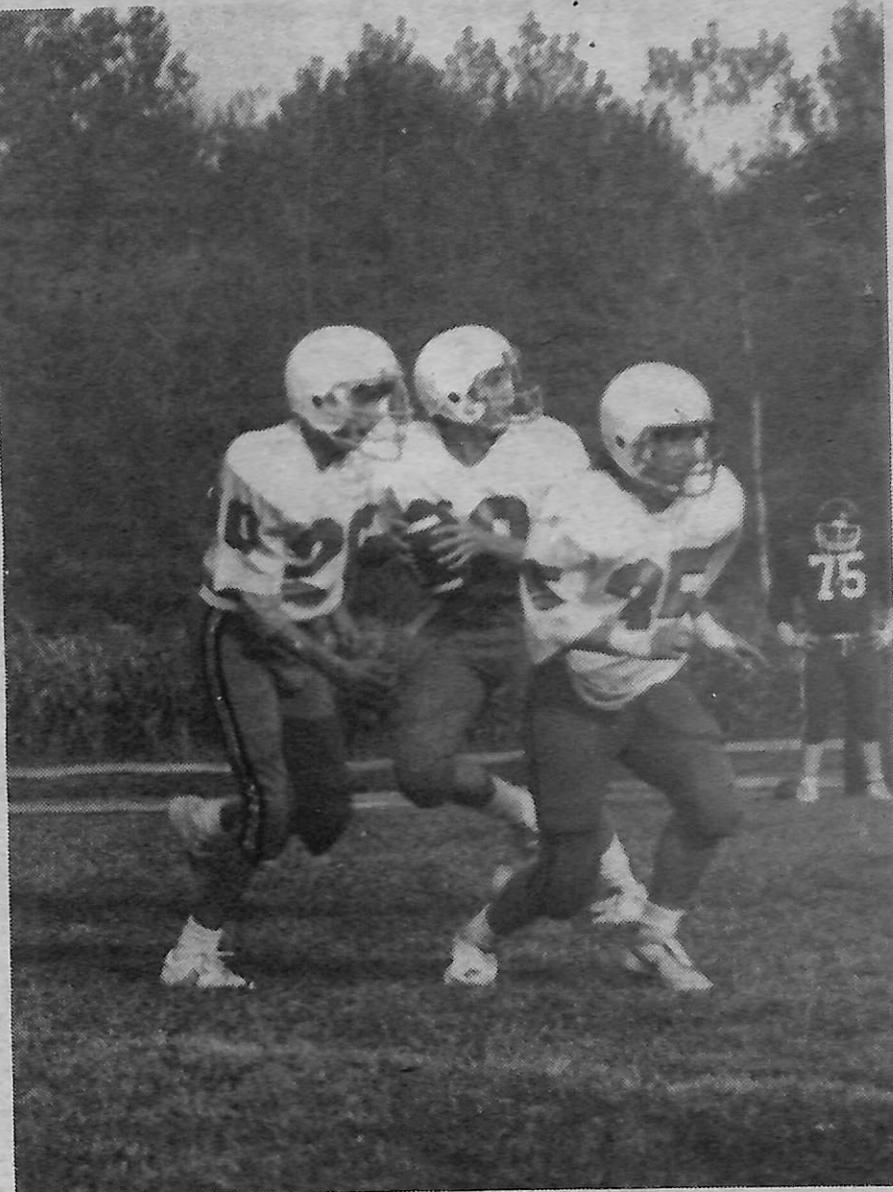
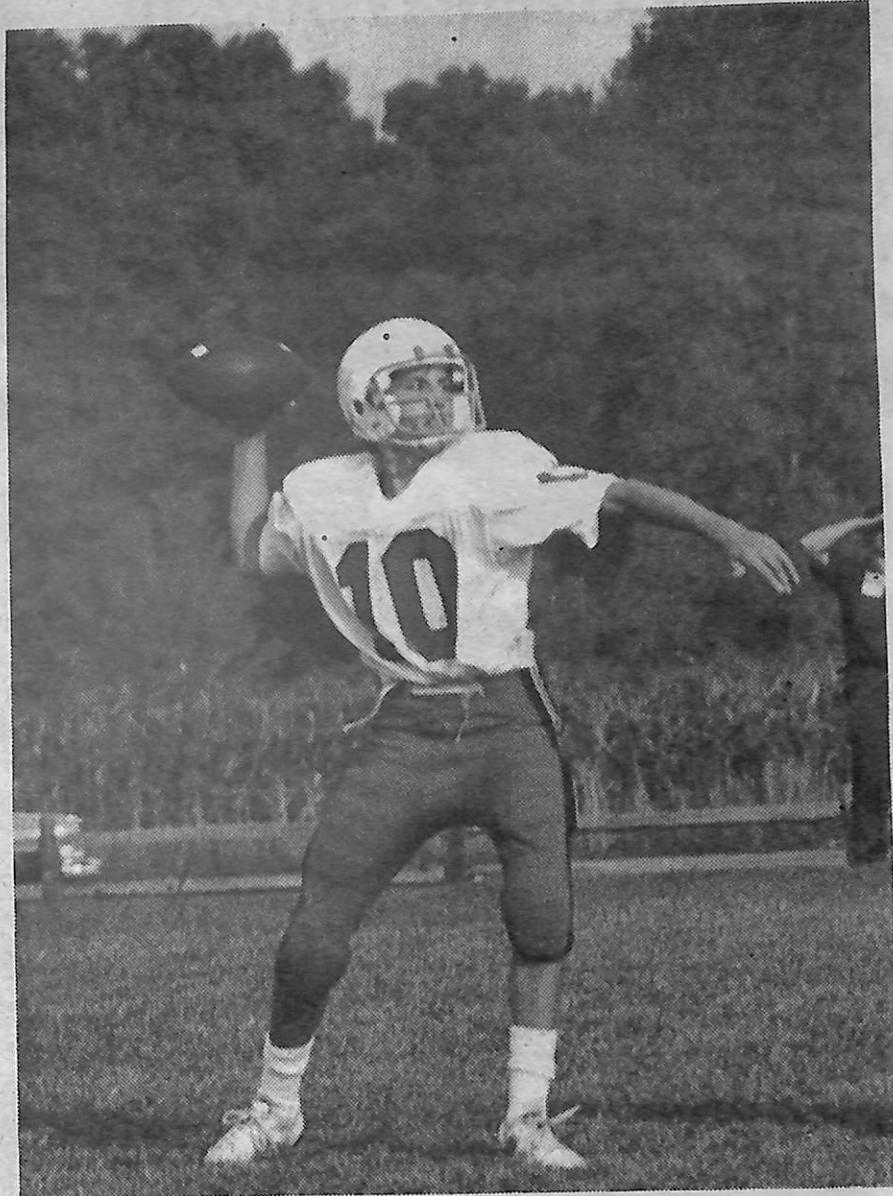
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IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam Junior High freshman quarterback Steve Moccio is about to unleash a pass during action last Friday at the Junior High field. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Moccio again goes back to pass while receiving protection from Mike Briggs (20) and Dave McKay (35). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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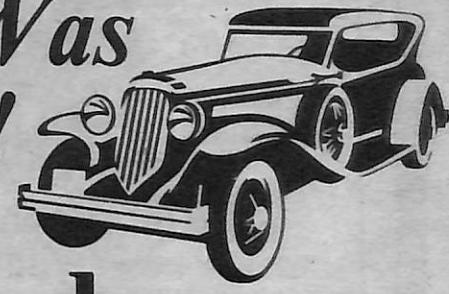
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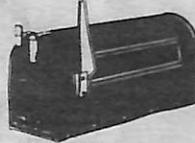
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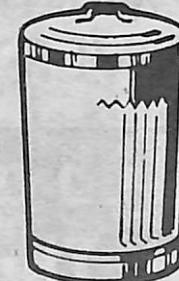
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Brownies' Field Hockey LaZazzara Feels Harriers Coming Along Well Continues To Surge

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High field hockey team continued its drive to the top of the Southern Division by improving to 7-0-1 last week following a pair of shutout wins.

The locals were in the winner's circle vs. South Hadley, 5-0, and over East Longmeadow, 4-0.

Fifth-year coach Cindy Grieve's team is trying to surpass its achievements of the past two years when it was defeated in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Tournament.

So far this season, the Brownies have pretty much had things their own way, except for a season-opening, 3-1 loss to Southwick last month. However, an ineligible player forced the Rams to forfeit the victory, which came by wearing down the Brownies in the second half.

At presstime, the two Southern Division powers are scheduled to meet under the lights at Harmon Smith Field on Wednesday, October 5th.

The Brownies' victory over South Hadley was a total team effort as Shelley Morris, Tammy Rocca, Amy Schroeder, and Christina Morassi all tallied. Goalie Michelle Finnie made three saves to earn the whitewash.

Two days earlier, there was more of the same as the locals completely outplayed host East Longmeadow. The Brownies outgunned the home team, 24-1, in the shots-on-net department.

A pair of goals by Shelley Morris, along with singles by Amy Schroeder, Karen McCarthy, and Cindy Jochim, were more than enough to subdue the outclassed Spartans.

Miss Grieve is obviously pleased with what she's seen lately. "These girls understand the word team. We've got kids that are willing to pass the ball in the one-on-one situation. They're willing to give somebody else the glory."

Miss Grieve is hoping this attitude can carry the Brownies to the division title and further advancement in the Western Mass. Tournament next month.

"This team is a step above the rest, although we still have things to prove. The girls have been working long and hard at accomplishing their goals," she added.

Of course, one major obstacle continues to be Southwick, a side the Brownies have never beaten since the program came back five years ago to Agawam High. Each game has been that much more tougher for the Rams, but in the end, it's still been the Rams in the winner's circle.

For the Boston Celtics, the road to the top always seems to be through Los Angeles. For the Agawam Brownies in field hockey, that road is right down Route 57 in neighboring Southwick.

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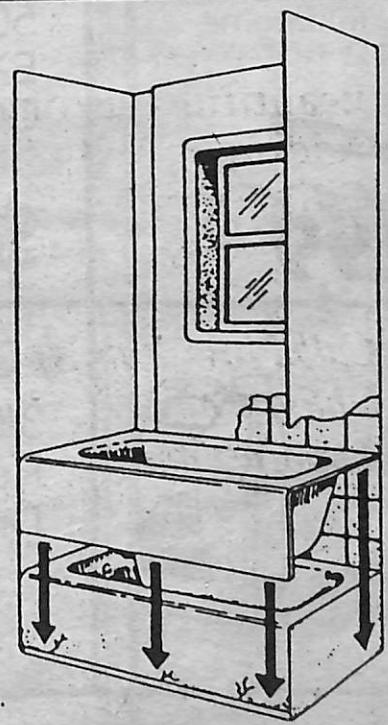
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The Agawam High cross country team's 3-3 record is a deceptive one, according to rookie coach Mike LaZazzara.

Unbelievably, the Brownies are using just five runners in 1988, which is the minimum number. It's like entering a basketball game with just five players or a baseball game with nine.

Is the problem becoming evident?

No depth. None.

The Brownies have forfeited two meets because members were nursing injuries, thereby eliminating the Brownies from the competition (under the five runner minimum).

After victories over Putnam Vocational, Westfield, and Minnechaug, LaZazzara's harriers suffered their first loss in a meet when the team had all five runners vs. West Springfield, Monday, October 3rd.

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Leading the strong Agawam showing was sophomore Dan Beavis. He finished the 2.9 mile course in 16:04. Seniors Jeremy Doran and Adam Moylan followed with times of 17.3 and 17.20, respectively. The other members of the Brownies' contingent were Mark McKenzie (17:34) and Amanda Hamel (24:40).

While it frustrates LaZazzara that he can't put 15-20 runners on the course like West Springfield, he is still proud of the effort his five members have put forth so far.

"We have a quality team. There's a good nucleus and we have good runners. We just don't have the numbers like the other teams. That's the major difference between us and them."

Still, the 1988 Brownies have surpassed last year's winless campaign, and LaZazzara hopes this can be used to entice more runners to the program.

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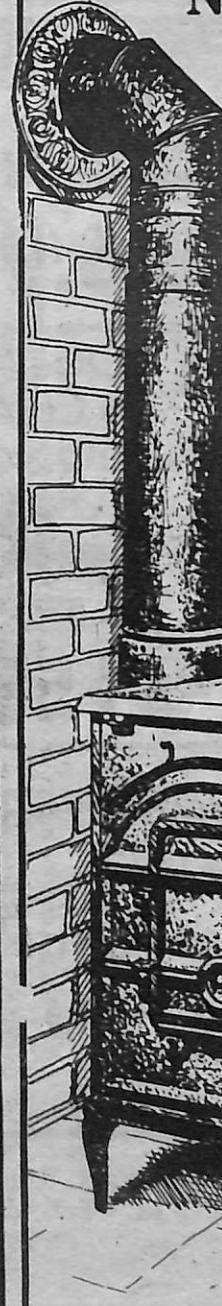
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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

Lance & I In The Woods

The bowhunting season opened October 1st in Connecticut and Vermont, and has been since September 17th in New Hampshire. A personal observation by this writer has pointed to the drought period we went through this summer as having a definite effect on the deer behavior. The wild apple crop in Connecticut and Massachusetts is definitely sparse. The mast crop is light to heavy in most cases. The fruit bearing trees are there in the woods—you have to search for them.

Lance Poirier of Feeding Hills and I found a few trees that were heavy with nuts, and the deer were feeding on them lightly so far. The heavy forage is mushrooms and small pine cone seeds. The forest is dry, where in years past, areas that were spongy with water are now dry and hard—very little food value.

Because of the browse condition, the deer are ranging wide in search for food. They are digging in the pine groves for the sweet and tender roots that are just under the pine needle layers. A pine stand wouldn't be

a bad idea. Patience is the bottom line this year. Of course, with the coming of cold weather, the deer's feeding habits will change. We need a good frost. The foliage is very green and thick, making it difficult to see for any distance in the woods. Happy hunting.

The Fisherman Magazine announced the grand prize winner and local winners in their photo contest. The grand prize of a trip to the Cayman Islands was won by William Fabian of Watchung, New Jersey. Fabian, a reader of the New Jersey edition of the magazine, took the prize with an exciting close-up of a mako shark at boatside.

The local winner of the contest was William Ferro of Springfield, with a first place action shot of a leaping nine feet, 10 inch Acapulco sailfish. Ferro's prize is a charter fishing trip on the Reelin' out of Noank, Connecticut, with Captain Ernie Celotto.

In second place was Paul Page of South Windsor, Connecticut, with a breathtaking sunrise photo taken at Misquamicut Beach, Rhode Island (received a Diawa 27H fishing reel). In third place and a winner of a Diawa reel was Ernest LaCroix, Jr., of Wallingford, Connecticut, with a sentimental photo of his twins fishing on Pachaug Pond.

The NRA was instrumental in the defeat of the amendment to the Drug Bill that just passed through Congress. The national media is very one-sided when it comes to gun bills. They made a great showing over the police group that was in favor of the amendment.

This group has been for every anti-gun legislation filed for the last 20 years; and they claim to be the spokesmen for all the law enforcement in the country. Not so!

One hundred officers and chiefs from 25 states held a Capitol Hill news conference last week, then visited their congressmen and congresswomen to urge defeat of the amendment. I give this group the largest credit for the defeat of the bill. No doubt, the visit by the officers and chiefs impressed Congress. The rank and file police presence showed that law enforcement does indeed support the NRA.

Much was made out of the seven-day waiting period. This was only a minor part of the amendment. The registration scheme that went with it for hand-gun purchases was chaotic.

The Feighan Amendment was rejected with the passage of a substitute amendment, supported by the NRA, that will have an impact on crime. The McCollum Amendment automatically revokes the probation and parole of convicted felons found in possession of firearms. It also established a system to instantly check criminal records.

By supporting the McCollum Amendment, the House showed it feels it is better for police to spend their time fighting crime than pushing paper to "investigate" honest citizens. At this important fork in the road, the House chose the proper path.

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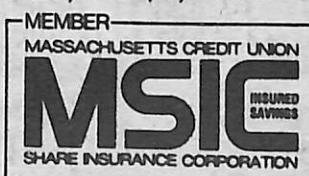
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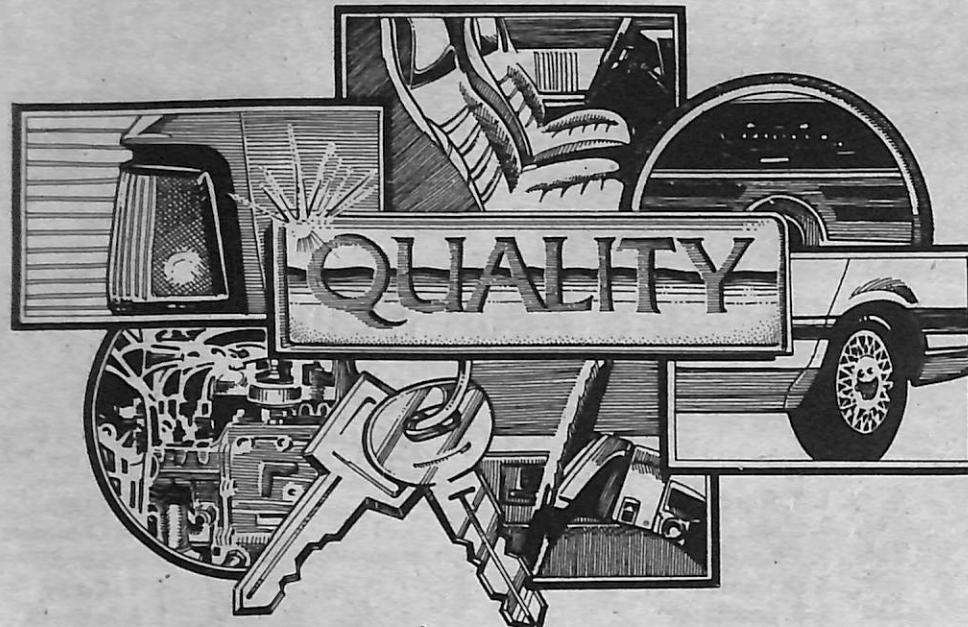
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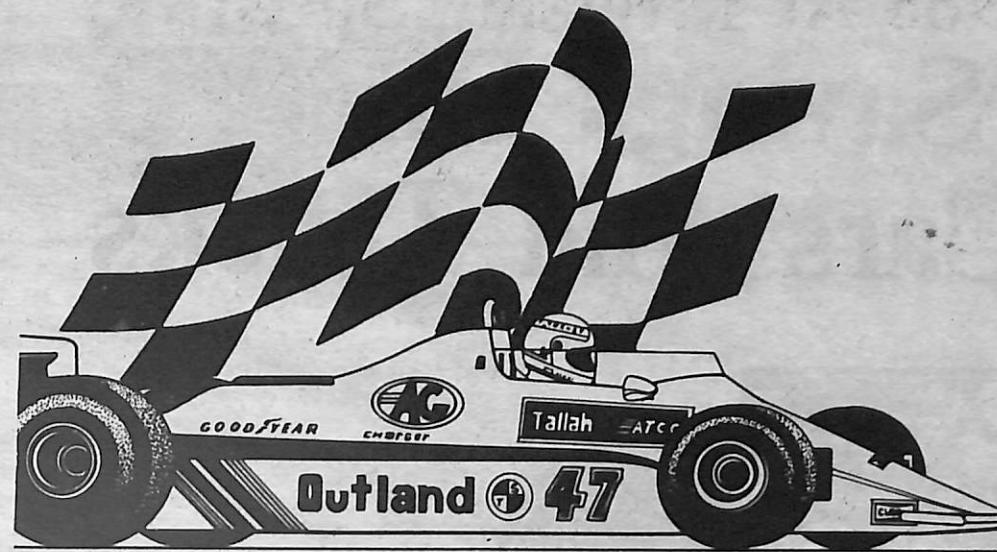
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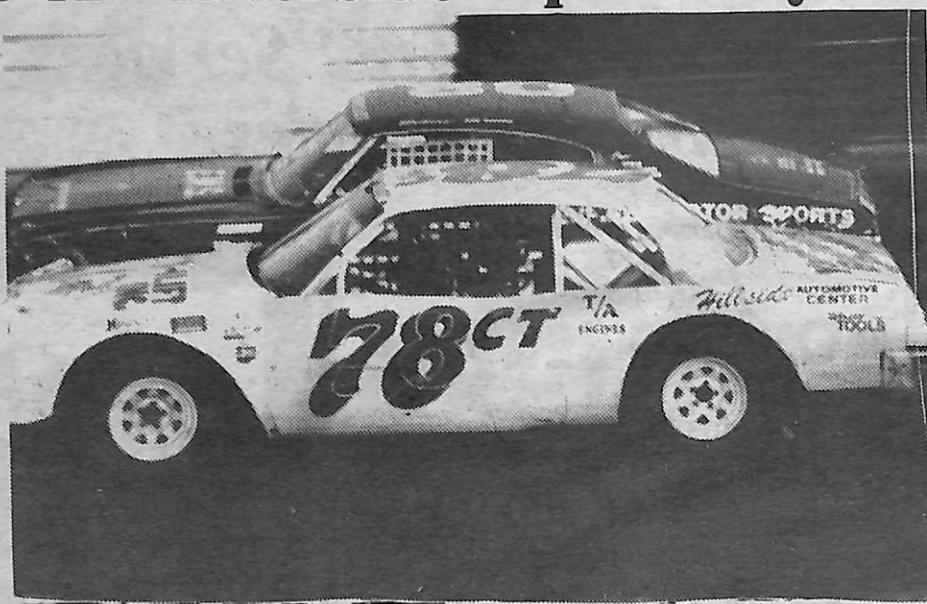
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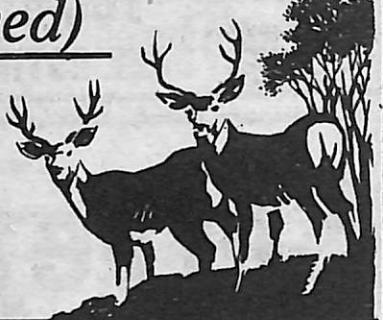
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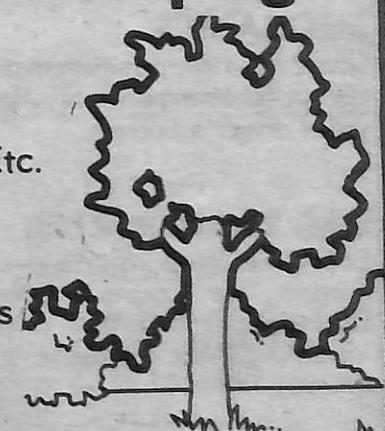
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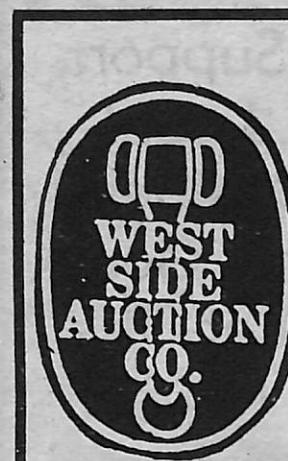
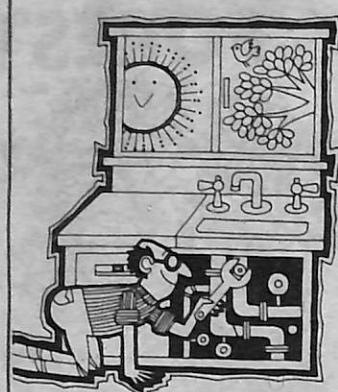


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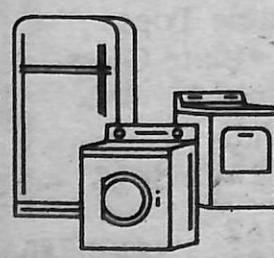
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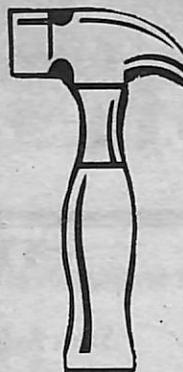
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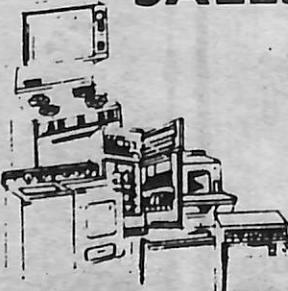
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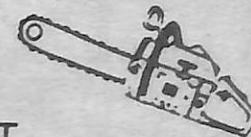
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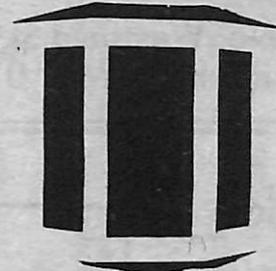
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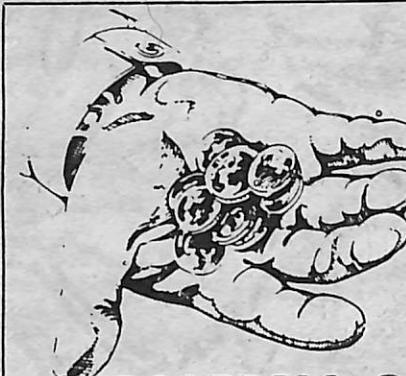
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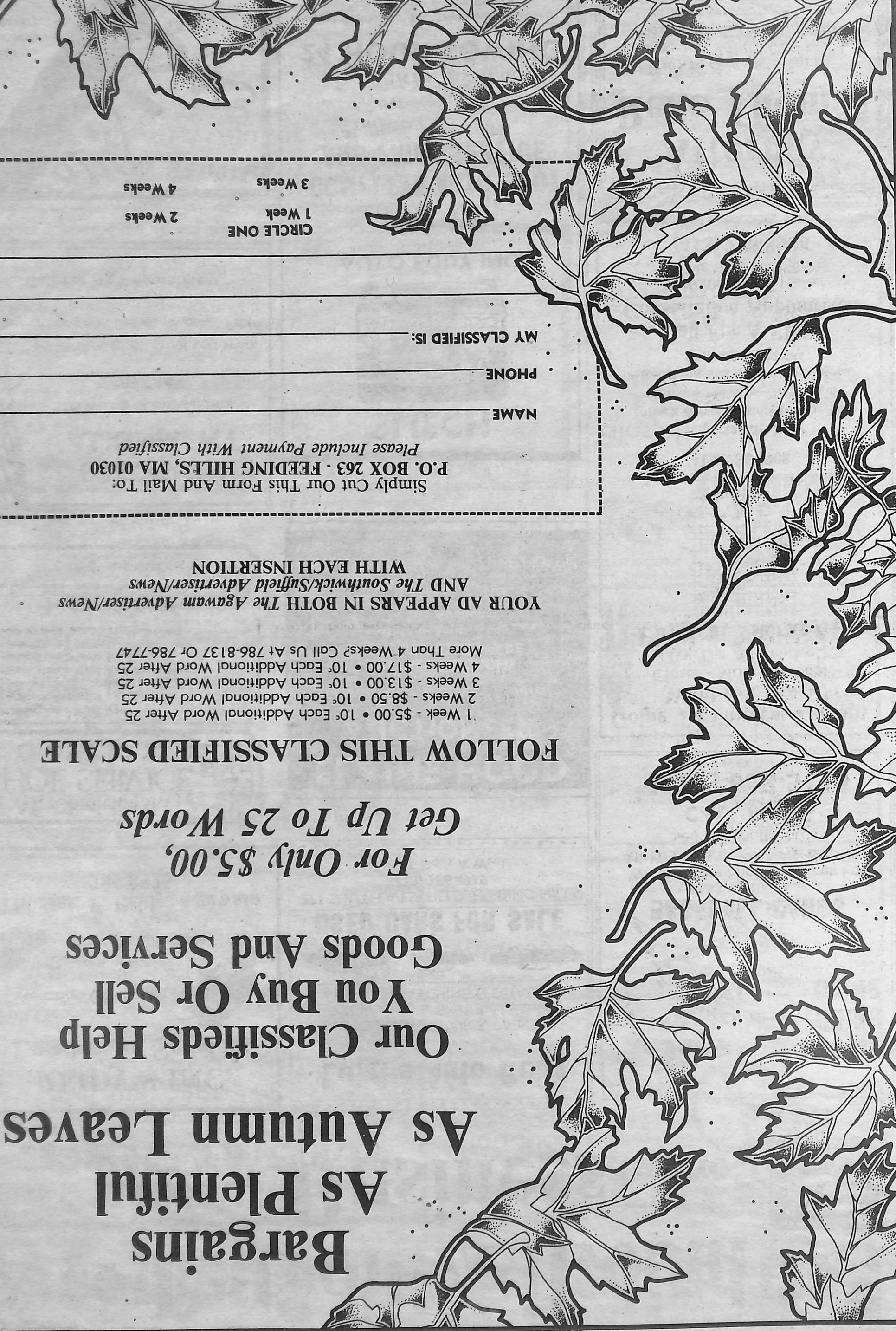
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